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BCRSPA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2023-2024

Memorial Scholarships of \$2000 will be awarded for 2023-2024 to qualified applicants. Scholarship awards are to be used for educational expenses. Up to six scholarships from Baltimore County Retired School Personnel Association may be awarded, and one \$2000 Scholarship from the Mildred Murray bequest for a physical education or education related major may be awarded.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant may be a student graduating from a high school of the Baltimore County Public Schools,
OR

The applicant may be a student graduating from any high school -- public, private, or parochial; in or out of Baltimore County -- **and** have at least one parent who is a full-time employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools. This parent employee need not be a classroom teacher. The parent may be a secretary, cafeteria worker, custodian, bus driver, etc., but **must** be a full-time employee of the Baltimore County Public Schools.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

You may obtain a BCRSPA Memorial Scholarship Application by going to our website www.bcrspa.org and clicking on Scholarship.

The following documents must be post marked by **February 16, 2024** to: BCRSPA Scholarships
c/o Patsy Holmes
4131 Dutch Mill Rd.
Randallstown, MD 21133

- Completed Application Form, pages 2-5, including signatures of applicant and parent/guardian
- Letter(s) of Recommendation from a school or community source
- Career goals essay
- Copies of acceptance letters from colleges, universities, and/or proprietary schools
- Description of activities (if any)
- Description of awards/honors (if any)

Also post marked by **February 16, 2023**, have the following documents sent to the address above from your high school Registrar. Your school will require a signed Release of Information form from you and/or your parent or legal guardian.

- An official copy of your high school transcript
- An official copy of your CCBC transcript (if applicable)
- An official copy of your first semester senior year report card
- A copy of your SAT or ACT scores

Please use additional sheets to include any information you feel will help the committee make a fair and equitable decision to award our scholarships to truly deserving young people.

Questions? You may email Patsy Holmes at patsyholmes4131@gmail.com.

Information from all applicants, parents, or legal guardians (addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, financial information, etc.) will be used only by the Scholarship Committee in determining the scholarship awards, and will not be shared with any third party without the appropriate written permissions and signatures.

Please PRINT all information

FAMILY INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Date of Birth _____
Phone _____ Email Address _____

Applicant lives with: (Check one)

- Both Parents
- One Parent Specify: Mother Father
- Other Specify: Legal Guardian Grandparents

Any necessary explanation (Use the reverse of this sheet if more space is needed.) _____

Applicant's brothers and/or sisters living at home.	Age	School status
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Other family members living in the home.	Age	Relationship
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of High School _____
High School Counselor _____
High School Registrar or Records Clerk _____

On a separate sheet of paper, list all activities during **high school years only**. Name the activity and indicate your role and the number of years of participation. Include school-based and community-based activities, and any work experience.

On the same paper, name and describe awards and/or honors, academic or civic, that you have received during your **high school years only**.

Colleges/Universities/Proprietary Schools

A proprietary school is one such as RETS Electronics School, MEDIX Schools, Cosmetology Schools, Computer Tech Schools, etc.

List all Colleges, Universities, and/or Proprietary Schools to which you have applied.

List all schools from which you have received an acceptance letter. Please attach copies of these letters.

Estimate of College/Proprietary School Expenses

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
Name of School	_____	_____	_____
Tuition	_____	_____	_____
Room/Board	_____	_____	_____
Books	_____	_____	_____
Transportation	_____	_____	_____
Miscellaneous	_____	_____	_____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

List any college, institution, state loans, and/or scholarships for which you have applied.

List all federal/state financial aid programs for which you have applied.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Describe any extenuating family circumstance(s) that may have an impact on family finances, e.g. unusual medical expenses, elderly relatives living with the family, private school tuition, child support payments made/received, applicant's sibling(s) in college, special needs siblings at home, etc.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

All information will be held confidential and used only by the BCRSPA Memorial Scholarship Committee for awarding a BCRSPA Scholarship, or a Mildred Murray Memorial Scholarship.

Father's Occupation _____ Yearly Income \$ _____

Father's Employer _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Yearly Income \$ _____

Mother's Employer _____

Legal Guardian's Occupation _____ Yearly Income \$ _____

Legal Guardian's Employer _____

Applicant's Occupation (part-time employment) _____

Yearly Income \$ _____

If parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is/are Baltimore County Public School employee(s), please identify their work site (school, office, area, etc.) _____

Total family income \$ _____

Estimate of family's contribution to college expenses _____

Estimate of applicant's contribution to college expenses (work, savings, etc.) _____

Estimate of other support – gifts, scholarships, etc. _____

ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, discuss the career you have chosen, your plan to achieve this goal, and your plans to finance your education.

SIGNATURES

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Phone _____
Home

Work/Cell

APPLICATION POST MARK DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 16, 2023

The following completed materials **MUST** be post marked by February 16, 2024. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

- Completed application
- Letter(s) of recommendation
- Career goals essay
- An official copy of your high school transcript
- An official copy of your CCBC transcript (if applicable)
- An official copy of your first semester senior year report card sent by your high school
- A copy of your ACT or SAT scores sent by the testing service or your high school
- Applicant's signature and date
- Parent or legal guardian's signature and date
- Description of activities (if any)
- Description of awards/honors (if any)
- Copies of acceptance letters

Rubric for Scholarship Application Essay

In completing your essay, please keep in mind that the evaluators of your application will be using the following rubric for scoring. Each category will receive points based on how well your essay meets the stated requirements. Use these questions to help you complete the essay most effectively.

I. Content: (1-10 points)

- Have I stated my career goal(s) and what influenced/motivated me to choose this career?
- Have I explained specific steps I will take to achieve my goal?
- Have I included specific ways my family and I plan to finance further education?

II. Organization/Development (1-5 points)

- Is my essay well organized with clear transitions throughout?
- Have I given specific examples/details to develop my ideas?

III. Use of Language (1-5 points)

- Is my word choice appropriate for my audience?
- Does my vocabulary show maturity and avoidance of slang?

IV. Mechanics (1-5 points)

- Are punctuation, capitalization, and spelling used correctly?
- Is my essay grammatically correct?