



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION & APPLICATION

Scholarship Program

General Directions:

- Read the scholarship description to determine your eligibility.
- Submit application and all required attachments on single-sided pages only.
- Do not staple or place into binder/cover; paper clips are preferred.
- Present your information neatly and accurately. Your presented materials represent your qualities as a candidate.

Scholarship Description:

The Miracles & Dreams Foundation (MADF) Scholarship was established to encourage and support young adults who are pursuing their educational and/or career goals with strength and resiliency in the face of adversity, and who are determined to fulfill their dreams no matter their circumstances. The applicant shall be a graduating high school senior accepted into a higher education institution, current or graduating college/university student, or current or graduating technical/trade/apprentice student with a 2.5 GPA or higher within the MADF service area. Applicant's graduation and/or active acceptance/enrollment must be verified before disbursement of funds.

Applicant must submit the following documentation in hard copy or electronic (Microsoft Word or PDF) form.

- Scholarship Application
- College/University/Apprentice Program Acceptance Letter
- Unofficial Transcript
- Personal Statement (300 to 500 Words)
- Letter of Recommendation
- Resume

Miracles & Dreams Foundation Service Area:

Scholarship applicants must reside and have graduated from a high school/GED equivalent institution/program or currently attending a college, university, or trade school within the MADF's service area. This includes all communities of the Southern California region including communities of Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and San Diego counties.

Personal Statement:

The MADF Scholarship application requires a personal statement. The personal statement is the most important part of your application. It will help the Scholarship Committee gain a complete picture of you. This is your chance to let the Scholarship Committee know why you feel you should be a recipient of a MADF Scholarship. The items you will want to include in your essay are as follows:

- Your educational and career goals.
- Life experiences which have influenced this decision.
- Your anticipated role in society after your education/career goals have been achieved.
- How the scholarship will help you or any unusual circumstances which may affect your current financial situation.
- Anything else you feel the Scholarship Committee needs to know about you to present yourself as the best candidate for the scholarship.
- If a recipient of this scholarship, how you would "pay it forward" (help others)?

Resume

The Scholarship Committee would like to know about your extra-curricular activities and accomplishments. Please include your resume listing them in resume style with headings, dates, etc. For example, list paid/unpaid work experience, honors and accolades, accomplishments, awards, community involvement, service and volunteer actions, student activities, school and club involvement, sports participation, hobbies, etc.

Letter of Recommendation:

Ask at least one individual to complete a Letter of Recommendation. This information needs to be completed by an individual who can attest to your current academic and/or personal strength and potential for success. Recommended sources are instructors, academic advisors, counselors, employers, clergy, or other known members of the community. Be sure to ask for the recommendation letter from a source that you know will write favorable things about you. A parent, relative, peer, or student advisor are poor sources for letters of recommendation and will not be considered as valid references. Your Letter of Recommendation must be submitted at the same time as you submit your scholarship application package. Please allow your evaluator plenty of time for the evaluation to be completed and returned to you in time to submit with your scholarship application.

Unofficial Transcripts:

Unofficial copy of your current high school and/or college/university transcript. Your transcript must be submitted at the same time as you submit your scholarship application package.

Application Period, Deadline, & Submission Process

Applications will be accepted August 15, 2022, through 4 p.m., September 23, 2022. Please submit only one application package. Submit application and documentation via email to: Info@miraclesanddreams.org with the subject "MADF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION" or mail to: Miracles and Dreams Foundation, 3230 Vine Street, Suite 200, Riverside, CA 92507.

Selection

The information on your scholarship application is recognized to be of a confidential nature and when applying, you agree that MADF may reveal or forward the contents of your application to members of MADF's Scholarship Committee and/or Board of Directors. Ultimately, MADF scholarships recipients will be determined by the MADF Board of Directors. The MADF Scholarship Committee is made up of MADF staff, advisors, and Board members who are committed to equality and fairness for all applicants.

Scholarship Notification

If you are selected to receive a scholarship, you will be notified by email to the email account indicated on your scholarship application. Recipients will be notified no later than September 30, 2022.

Scholarship Award Recognition

If you are selected as a recipient, you must attend the scholarship recognition event to be held in Downtown Riverside, on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. The event will recognize all selected scholarship recipients. An official invitation will be sent with the scholarship award notification via email. MADF Scholarships will be disbursed to the recipient at the event and made payable to recipient's full legal name on application.

Thank You Letter

If you have been awarded a scholarship, it is because your personal qualities and abilities stood above other applicants. As the chosen recipient, sending a thank you letter confirms that the scholarship was important to you. You are a vital part of MADF's mission, and your written expression of gratitude is a reflection on all of us at MADF. After you are awarded a scholarship from MADF, please email a thank you letter to Info@miraclesanddreams.org.

For More Information:

MADF administers and facilitates the application and review process for this scholarship. Questions regarding the MADF Scholarship Program or application submissions may be directed to:

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Scholarship Program

- I am a: Graduating High School Student Current College/University Student
 Incoming 1st Year College/University Student Career/Technical Program Student

Applicant's First Name:

Applicant's Last Name:

Applicant's Email:

Cell Phone:

Applicant's Address:

College/University
/Program Name:

Institution Type (Check
all applicable):

- 2-Year 4-Year Public Private

Degree/Area of
Study/Program:

Have you been accepted?

If so, include copy of acceptance letter.

- Yes No

Have you filed
for Federal Aid?

- Yes No

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete. I authorize MADF to share this application and the contents with the MADF Scholarship Committee, Scholarship Donors and/or other screening committees. I also understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, information about me may be released for publicity purposes, to fulfill funding requirements, and for recognition to MADF.

Applicant Name (Printed)

Applicant Signature

Date

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE CONSIDERED COMPETITIVE AND SHALL BE AWARDED ON A NONDISCRIMINATORY BASIS WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, CREED, RELIGION, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, AGE, OR ANY OTHER FEDERALLY PROTECTED CLASS. NO PERSON RELATED TO MEMBERS OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE, MADF BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.