



2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

It is the mission of the Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce (“Chamber”) to promote business and professional services in the greater Mount Airy, Maryland area. To further our mission, the Chamber has allotted \$3,500 for a scholarship (“Scholarship”) to be awarded to a select student. An additional scholarship(s) totaling up to \$3,000 may be awarded at the discretion of the Chamber. The award is an outright gift, not a loan to be repaid or a salary to be earned by performing certain duties. It will be awarded as a one time payment made directly to the institution of acceptance upon presentment to the Chamber of evidence of registration at a qualified educational institution.* The Scholarship is a one time gift and is not renewable in subsequent years, however, students may reapply regardless of previous award. Though it is expected that a student will be chosen to receive the Scholarship, the Chamber may choose to not make an award in any given year. The Scholarship is not intended merely to further the education of an aspiring student, but to recognize and assist those students who share the vision and values of the Chamber and show potential of contributing to the greater Mount Airy community.

The candidate, however, must be eligible for and committed to entering an institution of higher learning the immediate semester following the announcement of the winner(s). The selection process will be conducted by the scholarship committee of the Greater Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce. Family members of the Greater Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce will be considered but without preference over other candidates.

All applications must be postmarked on or before **March 31st, 2009**.

Please ensure that all required attachments listed at the end of this application are submitted. Confirmation of the student’s enrollment will be required. Final awards will be determined in April, 2009 and presented at High School awards ceremony if applicable and/or at the May 7th Chamber Meeting in the Mt. Airy Fire Hall (8 -9 AM).

ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible to apply for The Greater Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce Scholarship if

- You are a U.S. Citizen and a resident of the Greater Mt. Airy region. (A preference *may* be given to Mt. Airy residents in the selection of the winner, but Mt. Airy residency is not a requirement to apply.)
- You are applying to, have been accepted in, or are already enrolled in, an accredited higher education facility*: community college, trade school, four-year College or University, or Graduate School.
- You can demonstrate financial need as outlined on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Student Aid Report (SAR), and/or a personal statement.
- You are graduating from High School, have successfully completed a Literacy or GED Program, or are a high school graduate.



CONTACT INFORMATION

(Please type or print neatly)

STUDENT NAME: _____
Mr./Ms. First MI Last

CITIZENSHIP: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS: _____
Street Address

City State ZIP

Telephone Email address

CURRENT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE):

Street Address

City State ZIP

GED/HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

(Complete applicable section)

Adult Graduates of Literacy or GED programs

PROVIDER OF LITERACY OR GED PROGRAM: _____

ADDRESS OF PROVIDER: _____

COMPLETION DATE (MONTH/YEAR): _____

PROGRAM CONTACT: _____
Name Telephone number

High School Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL: _____
Name Telephone number

GRADUATION DATE (MONTH/YEAR): _____

HIGH SCHOOL GPA: _____

ACT SCORE: _____ SAT SCORE: _____



HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION INFORMATION

SCHOOL YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____

UPCOMING YEAR IN SCHOOL (circle) Undergraduate 1 2 3 4 Graduate 1 2 3 4

EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE: _____

EXPECTED MAJOR: _____

INTENDED CAREER, IF KNOWN: _____

I will be enrolled full time half time less than half time
 I will live on campus off campus with parents

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING AID:

List below the name of the school for which you are requesting aid, along with the location, the cost of attendance at that school, and whether or not you have been accepted. (The financial aid office at the school should be able to provide you with this cost of attendance.) The cost includes tuition and fees, on-campus room and board (or a housing and food allowance for off-campus students), and allowances for books and other expenses. If you have not decided which school you will attend, rank in order of preference.

	SCHOOL	CITY, STATE	COST PER YEAR	ACCEPTED?
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____



REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Application and the following required documents must be postmarked by **March 31, 2009**.

1. *If you are applying as a high school graduate*, your certified high school **TRANSCRIPT** showing GPA and class rank.
2. *If you are applying as a graduate of a literacy or GED program*, your **CERTIFICATE OF PROGRAM COMPLETION** or other evidence (such as a letter from the provider) demonstrating successful completion of the program.
3. *If you are not yet enrolled in college*, a copy of your **COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER(S)**.
4. *If you are already enrolled in college*, a certified **COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT** showing current GPA.
5. A completed copy of the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**, **Student Aid Report (SAR)**, **and/or a personal statement on why you need financial help to pursue your education**.
6. A typed essay of 500 - 1,000 words. This **PERSONAL STATEMENT** should describe your individual character and accomplishments, career and educational goals, why you believe you deserve The Greater Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce Scholarship.
7. At least one, but no more than three, **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** written on your behalf by persons not related to you (such as teachers, counselors and supervisors). One of the recommendations must come from the supervisor of a recent work or community service experience. The letters should be delivered in sealed envelopes with the application, and the persons signing the letters should also write their signatures across the flap of the sealed envelope. Each of your references should include a telephone number where he or she can be reached during the business day.
8. On one attached page, describe:
 - **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** you have participated in during the past four years, such as student government, sports and clubs, including offices held and any special honors you have received.
 - **COMMUNITY SERVICE** activities in which you have participated in the past four years, including the number of hours per week spent on the activity and how many days, months, or years you participated in the activity; and why you chose to serve the community in this way.
 - **WORK EXPERIENCE** you have had in the past four years, including your length of employment and the number of hours you worked. Please explain why you chose these jobs.

It is the responsibility of each scholarship applicant to submit all of the required items on or before the application deadline of **March 31, 2009**. Due to the volume of scholarship applications, The Greater Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce cannot assemble items that are missing from applications. For that reason,

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:



The Greater Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce
Scholarship Committee
PO Box 741
Mt. Airy, MD 21771
Attn: Tim Slane, Sr., Facilitator

Questions may be sent to mountairyscholarship@gmail.com.

For more information about the Greater Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce,
or for additional Scholarship Applications, go to: [www. MtAiryBusiness.com](http://www.MtAiryBusiness.com)

All originals of applications and attachments, including your essays, will become the property of the Greater Mt. Airy Chamber of Commerce. You are encouraged to keep a copy for your own records; we will not provide copies to you. We do not claim exclusive copyright of any materials (which means that you are free to reuse your essay or any part of or attachment to your application), but by submitting your application and attachments, you grant us the right (a) to publish your picture and name and the fact and amount of the award in newspapers, on our website and elsewhere; (b) to reproduce portions or all of your application or essay for our publicity purposes, in the places mentioned above and elsewhere; (c) to disclose the contents of your application or essay to the institution to which we pay funds, upon any such request of that institution. By your signature, you release us from any liability for such activities, and agree to hold us harmless, exonerate and defend us from any cause of action or liability.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____
(If Applicant is under 18)