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Montgomery County Agricultural Center Scholarships 2022

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc., (MCAC) offers post-secondary scholarships to volunteers who are planning to further their education. Scholarships will be awarded in March at our annual meeting. These scholarships are funded in the following ways:

- The MCAC General Scholarship Fund (This funding is based on the amount approved by the Board of Directors and is subject to change.)
- The Hazel & Mehrle Staley Scholarship
- The Mac Cramer Scholarship

Applications must be submitted through Google Form by **November 15, 2021 by 4:30 pm**. Applicants will be asked to submit PDF attachments of their transcripts, a resume that includes non-profit volunteer work, and an essay. All attachments must follow the defined format for naming each file (see details within the application questions). Uploaded documents must include the name of the applicant which will be redacted in the review process.

The scholarship winners will be notified in February and presented at the annual meeting in March.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Fair Office at 301-926-3100 Ext.205.

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND DETAILS
2022**

The following guidelines have been established for eligibility of scholarships offered by the Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc. (MCAC).

1. Applications must be submitted on or before November 15, 2021 at 4:30 pm through the Google Form application link. Scholarship winners will be notified by mail in February and presented at the annual meeting in March.
2. Applicants must be in or beyond the junior year in high school.
 - a. Previous scholarship recipients may re-apply each year only after completing one semester of college, university, or trade school.
 - b. The applicant can be an adult seeking further education.
3. Applicants must submit their most recent transcript as indicated below:
 - a. a. High School: two semesters
 - b. b. College/Trade School: High School transcript AND post-high school transcript. (See the application for details.)
4. Applicants must provide documentation of volunteer service(s) to non-profit organization(s) to be eligible for these scholarships.
 - a. This information will be included within the Resume. Use the [University of Maryland Extension](#) 4H Resume model.
5. Scholarships will be paid directly to the college, university, or trade school of your choice. Scholarships must be used within 5 years of the Annual Meeting when it was awarded.
 - a. Scholarship money held at an institution of higher learning will be returned to the MCAC if a student were to withdraw. Scholarship money that is returned to MCAC will no longer be available to the applicant.
6. Scholarship applications will be evaluated for merit by impartial judges who have no knowledge or connection to the applicants. All personal information will be redacted from each application to assure unbiased scoring.
 - a. The criteria for rating scholarship applications will be:
 - i. 25% - Achievements and non-profit volunteer services (community, church, school involvement)
 - ii. 15% - Grades (for current students)
 - iii. 10% - Evidence of Leadership
 - iv. 10% - Future educational plans
 - b. The criteria for rating the essay will be:
 - i. 15% - Content
 - ii. 15% - Writing quality
 - iii. 10% - Realistic potential for the implementation of the plan as described in the essay

The application link: [2022 MCAC Scholarship application](#)

You will receive a confirmation email when your application is submitted.