



## **Pooled Scholarship Application 2010-2011 Academic Year Deadline, April 15, 2011**

### **THE SELECTION PROCESS:**

The General Application may be used to apply for the 4 scholarships listed on page 2 that are administered directly by the Mid-Shore Community Foundation. Each Scholarship has different criteria. Please review each one carefully to make sure you qualify. In general, scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, community service, and other specific preferences listed in the criteria for each scholarship. Neither the Mid-Shore Community Foundation nor the scholarship committee discriminates on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, or handicap.

### **THE PAYMENT PROCESS:**

Scholarships will be paid directly to the college or university. In most cases, funds may be used for tuition, room and board, or any other required school fees and supplies. It is the scholarship recipient's responsibility to provide the Foundation with documentation from the college or university so that the appropriate payment can be made.

Should the recipient fail to register for any quarter or semester, no payments will be made to the college or university. The college or university must advise the Mid-Shore Community Foundation if the recipient is no longer enrolled full-time and return any unused portion of the scholarship.

### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

For consideration, your application must include the following. Applications with missing information will not be considered.

- **Completed Application Form**
- **Completed Financial Assistance Questionnaire**
- **Letters of Recommendation**
- **An Official High School or College Transcript.**
- **Essay**
- **Signature of Applicant**

**Note:** The Financial Aid Questionnaire is **NOT** required for the Dale Price Memorial Scholarship.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that his or her application is complete. All applications will be retained by the Mid-Shore Community Foundation. If you have any questions about the program, please contact our office. We will be happy to answer any and all questions.

### **WHERE TO FIND AN APPLICATION**

Copies of the scholarship application will be distributed to all Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot County High School guidance offices and to some college and university financial aid offices in the spring of each academic year. You may also request a copy from our office at any time by emailing [info@mscf.org](mailto:info@mscf.org), and from our website [www.mscf.org](http://www.mscf.org).

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**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 15, 2011**

**The Mid-Shore Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity that helps individuals, families, businesses, and private foundations accomplish their charitable giving objectives on behalf of the Mid-Shore community. A copy of the Foundation's financial statements is available at [www.mscf.org](http://www.mscf.org) or by calling 410-820-8175, or through the Secretary of State, Charitable Division, State House, Annapolis, Md 21401. Confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.**

## **2011/ 2012 Mid-Shore Community Foundation Scholarships**

The criteria for each of our four scholarships are listed below. Please review them carefully. You will also find them listed on our website at [www.mscf.org](http://www.mscf.org). If you have any questions, please contact us directly at [info@mscf.org](mailto:info@mscf.org) or (410) 820-8175.

### **Dorchester Heritage Museum/Dale Price Memorial Scholarship:**

**\$500; non-renewable.**

Dale Price was a devoted supporter of the Dorchester Heritage Museum. When the museum was dissolved this memorial scholarship was established for students of Cambridge South Dorchester High School who meet the following criteria:

- Graduating Senior of Cambridge South Dorchester High School
- Has a strong interest, understanding and proficiency in History

**NOTE:** The Financial Assistance Questionnaire is **NOT** required for THIS SCHOLARSHIP.

### **Austin and Martha Steele Scholarship:**

**\$ 6,250; renewable for up to 4 years.**

Austin and Martha Steele were both educators who later in life resided in both Dorchester and Talbot Counties. The scholarship is awarded annually to one public high school graduate from each of the 5 Mid-Shore counties who meet the following criteria:

- Graduating senior of a public high school in one of the 5 Mid-Shore counties.
- In need of financial assistance.
- Commitment to a career in teaching and education.
- History of community service.

### **Robert F. Walls Memorial Scholarship:**

**Up to \$1500; non-renewable.**

Scholarship fund established in memory of Robert F. Walls, a former employee at Saulsbury Brothers, to benefit Caroline County residents wishing to continue their education at an accredited institution of higher education. Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Caroline County resident.
- In need of financial assistance.
- Enrolling in an accredited institution of higher education.
- History of academic achievement.

### **Marlin U. Zimmerman Scholarship Fund:**

**\$2,500; renewable up to 4 years.**

Scholarship fund created in memory of Marlin U. Zimmerman, principal and teacher at Easton High School from 1938-1968. The scholarship supports graduating seniors at Easton High School pursuing a career in education at an accredited college or university. The Scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Graduating senior at Easton High School.
- Pursuing a career in Education/ potential to become an effective educator.
- Record of student leadership.
- In need of financial assistance.

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**1. I am applying for the Following Scholarship(s):**

Please check all that apply.

- Dorchester Heritage Museum/ Dale Price Memorial Scholarship
- Austin and Martha Steele Scholarship
- Robert F. Walls Memorial Scholarship
- Marlin Zimmerman Scholarship Fund

**2. Student Information**

**Mr. /Ms. /Mrs. Full name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Preferred name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of School in which currently enrolled:**

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**Expected Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Guidance Counselor (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If not already enrolled, name all colleges you have applied to in order of preference:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **If you know which college you will attend, please circle it.**

**Major/ Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Honors and Awards:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional School and/ or Community Service Activities:**

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**3. Letters of Recommendation**

Please provide 2 letters of recommendation with at least one letter from an educator. All letters must be submitted on letterhead in a sealed envelope, and signed by the author. Letters written for college admissions or similar purposes are acceptable.

**4. Essay**

The applicant must type and prepare a personal essay of 250-300 words. In the essay please address the following question:

*Explain how your educational goals, experience, and achievements address the criteria for the scholarship(s).*

You should specifically address your need for financial assistance and why the scholarship is necessary to your pursuit of higher education. The essay is an important part of your application and should be written thoughtfully.

**5. An Official High School or College Transcript.**

Please submit an official high school or college transcript, as appropriate. If the official high school or college transcript does not include grades for the term most recently completed, include an unofficial copy of that grade report. Please mail with application to ensure it is received.

**6. Financial Assistance Questionnaire**

Please complete the attached Financial Assistance Questionnaire.

**7. Signature of Applicant**

**By signing below and submitting this application, you certify that this application is complete and all information provided in this application process is accurate and completed by the applicant. Any information found to be false or plagiarized in any way will result in the termination of the awarded scholarship.**

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**Date**                      **Signature of Applicant**

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**Date**                      **Parental Signature (required for applicants under age 18)**

**Return to:**

**Mid-Shore Community Foundation  
The Bullitt House  
102 E. Dover St.  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 820-8729**

NOTE: This questionnaire should be completed by the parent of the applicant.

MID-SHORE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (FAQ)© for 2011-2012 school year.

\* See reverse side for instructions to assist in completing this form

A. STUDENT INFORMATION

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

B. PARENTS' INCOME, EXPENSE, AND ASSET DATA (FOR THE YEAR JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010)

The applicant's parent(s) must complete the following section. Indicate whether the information is from:

⇅ Estimates based on current income information to be filed by April 15, 2011

⇅ A completed tax return - IRS FORM 1040 filing date of April 15, 2011

- 1. State of Residence .....
2. Adjusted gross income (FORM 1040) ..... \$
3. Total federal tax paid (FORM 1040) - not the amount withheld from paychecks ..... \$
4. Total income of father ..... \$
Total income of mother ..... \$
5. Yearly untaxed income and benefits: Please indicate source - ⇅ Social Security ⇅ AFDC
⇅ Child Support ⇅ Other ..... \$
6. Medical and dental expenses not paid by insurance (exclude premiums) ..... \$
7. Total cash, checking, savings, cash value of stocks, etc. (exclude retirement plan funds, IRA, 401K)..... \$
8. Total number of family members living in the household and primarily supported by the reported income ..... #
9. Marital status of parent or guardian: ⇅ Single ⇅ Married ⇅ Separated ⇅ Divorced ⇅ Widowed
10. Of the total number of family members on line 8, number of students attending college at least half time during the 2011-12 school year (include applicant, exclude parents) ..... #

C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Official name of post-secondary school for 2011-2012 academic year \_\_\_\_\_
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

2. At this school, I will ⇅ live on campus ⇅ live off campus ⇅ commute from home

3. If this school is a public institution, I will pay ⇅ in-state resident tuition ⇅ out-of-state tuition

4. List the name and annual amount of any grants or scholarships you have been awarded for the 2011-2012 school year only.

Table with 4 columns: Name of award, School to which award will be applied, Amount, Check one. Includes rows for 'Granted' and 'Pending'.

D. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

Certification: All information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge. If requested by an authorized official of Scholarship America, I (we) will provide proof of information including a copy of my (our) 2010 U.S. and/or state income tax return. Falsification of information or refusal to provide information may result in rejection of this application or termination of any award granted.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature ⇅ Father ⇅ Mother

Do you have legal custody of the student? ⇅ Yes ⇅ No

Is the student your dependent? ⇅ Yes ⇅ No \_\_\_\_\_
Date completed

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE QUESTIONNAIRE (FAQ)

- A. **STUDENT INFORMATION:** The scholarship applicant's name should appear on the first line on the FAQ; however, the questionnaire must be completed by the parents of the applicant. An exception is if the applicant is legally classified as an independent student. The independent student must supply his/her financial information.
- B. **PARENTS' INCOME, EXPENSES AND ASSET DATA:** Information on this form must be from the parents' completed tax return or based on estimated information to be filed by April 15, 2011. Be sure to check the appropriate box.
1. **State of residence** is the state where the parent(s) reside and pay state income tax.
  2. **Adjusted gross income** can be found on IRS FORM 1040 and is gross income increased or reduced by specific adjustments specified by law.
  3. **Total federal tax paid** includes the total amount of **federal** income tax to be paid as reported on IRS FORM 1040. This is **not** the amount withheld from employee's paychecks. (The amount withheld should be adjusted by any refund or additional taxes due.) Do **not** report state income tax.
  4. **Total income of parent(s)** should be reported individually. Provide information for both natural parents, when possible. **If the student resides with only one parent**, financial information **must** be received from the parent who claims the child as a dependent for tax purposes. If a parent has remarried, the spouse's information is required if the spouse is a legal guardian of the student, or claims the student as a dependent, or the student is included in the spouse's benefit plan. **If necessary, two Financial Assistance Questionnaires may be submitted by the student.** A copy of this form may be made in order for one to be completed by each parent.
  5. **Untaxed income and benefits** include any other income or benefits not included in the adjusted gross income figure. Do not include untaxed contributions to retirement plans.
  6. **Medical and dental expenses** include only those expenses not paid by insurance. Do not include premium payments.
  7. **Total cash, checking, savings, cash value of stocks, etc.,** include liquid assets that can be used for educational expenses. **Do not include** IRA, 401K, or other retirement plan funds.
  8. **Total number of family members** living in the household and primarily supported by the reported income may include:
    - the applicant
    - the applicant's parents
    - other children living in the household
    - dependent college students living away from home
    - other people who live in the household and receive more than half of their support from the reported incomeIndependent students should only report those individuals who are supported by the reported income.
  9. **Marital status** is the current status of the person from whom the financial information is submitted.
  10. **Of the total number of family members on line 8, number of students attending college** includes family members attending a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school at least half-time. Include the applicant in this number. Do not include parents.
- C. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**
1. Provide the official name of the post-secondary school that the student plans to attend for the 2011-2012 academic year. Indicate the city and state where the school is located.
  2. Indicate if student will live on-campus, off-campus or commute from home.
  3. If the school is a public institution, indicate if the student will pay in-state resident tuition or out-of-state tuition.
  4. Provide the name and amount of grants or scholarships awarded for the 2011-2012 academic year. Indicate if the grants/scholarships have been granted or are pending.
- D. **CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES:** Both the student and the parent completing the FAQ must sign this form. Parent's signature is not required for an independent student. Please read the certification.
- NOTE:** Any exceptions to providing financial information as instructed above must be submitted to Scholarship Management Services in writing.