

UPPER MERION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Upper Merion Area School District Scholarship Fund provides awards to deserving individuals who plan to undertake full-time study at a college, university or technical/vocational school. The criteria are:

1. The recipient will be a graduate of Upper Merion Area High School.
2. The student will show seriousness of purpose as indicated by an academic record that is sound and involvement in school or other community activities that shows commitment.
3. The recipient will demonstrate financial need. *(All financial information will be kept in strictest confidence.)*

Who is eligible?

Students earning a 2017 diploma from Upper Merion Area High School.

What schools do students attend after high school?

Universities, colleges, junior colleges, technical/vocational schools.

How are students chosen?

Students apply by **2:30 pm, Thursday, May 4, 2017**. Applications are available in the high school guidance office and on the high school web page. Applications will be preliminarily screened, and then reviewed by the Scholarship Board of Trustees. Judgments are made on the basis of the student's financial need, academic success, school activities and community involvement. Finalists for awards are invited to meet with the Board of Trustees for an interview on **May 24, 2017**, which plays an important part in the determination of awards. Award recipients are notified of their selection or non-selection shortly after the interviews. The details of their award are not announced until Ivy Day.

Who provides the money?

The money has been donated by civic, business and industry, fraternal and service organizations and individuals.

Applications are available in the Guidance Office. Questions may be directed to Mr. Enters, UMAHS College Counselor.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Guidance Office by **2:30 pm, Thursday, May 4, 2017**. All applications are treated as confidential.

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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

CONFIDENTIAL COVER PAGE

This is the confidential application of:

Last Name

First Name

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Student ID Number: _____

Date of Filing: _____

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DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

_____ Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____
Last Name First Name MI Mo. Day Year

Address: _____
Street

_____ City State Zip Code

_____ Township/Borough

Name of Father, Stepfather or Male Guardian: _____

Occupation: _____ Employed by: _____

Name of Mother, Stepmother or Female Guardian: _____

Occupation: _____ Employed by: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

List any special honors, prizes or recognitions you received during your high school years.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List extracurricular activities you were engaged in during high school: music organizations, athletics, clubs, publications, etc. Indicate the year or years you participated.

ACTIVITY	YEARS (9, 10, 11, 12)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

POST SECONDARY PLANS

College/University/Vocational School you plan to attend: _____

Planned course of study (major): _____

Please estimate your annual expenses for:

Tuition: _____

Room & Board: _____

Books & Fees: _____

Total Cost: _____

Financial aid offered by the school: _____

If applicable, please complete this section:

Alternate choice where you have been accepted and may still enroll: _____

Planned course of study (major) : _____

Total Cost: _____

Financial aid offered by the school: _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION:

1. Transcript of secondary school scholastic record.*
**IMPORTANT NOTE: Your transcript includes your attendance information for each academic year. Please include a brief written explanation along with your transcript for any year that you had more than 15 absences or 15 tardies.*
2. Letter of recommendation from your guidance counselor.
3. Copy of acceptance letter(s) for college/university/vocational school listed above.
4. Copy of financial aid award letter received from college/university/vocational school listed above.
5. Copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
6. A writing sample is required. Applicants are requested to attach a one-page essay on why you feel you deserve this scholarship.
7. **Please submit a copy of the first four (4) pages of the completed federal income tax form** from all individuals (parents, stepparents, guardians, etc.) legally obligated to support the applicant. The copies submitted must be the signed tax form filed or to be filed April 15 of this year (Form 1040, 1040A, etc.). Attach any other special information that you feel may help the committee understand the true financial picture. This tax information is used exclusively by the trustees of the Upper Merion Area School District Scholarship Fund for the purpose of acquiring knowledge of the student and his/her family and of understanding the family financial picture. This will assist the trustees in gaining insight into the character and background of the applicant and in assuring that financial assistance is made available to those students who need it the most. This information, as well as the entire application, is considered to be confidential.

Changes in the family's financial position, which materially alter this statement after the date of filing and before the scholarship is awarded, must be promptly submitted to the Scholarship Committee. Similarly, changes in the student's financial situation (earnings, gifts, scholarships or loans from other sources) must also be reported.

Signature of Student: _____

Signature(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Please print this application, provide the necessary signatures, attach the required documents (listed on the previous page) and submit the complete packet to the Guidance Office by **2:30 pm on Thursday, May 4, 2017.**