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2008-09 YMCA Minority Achievers Scholarship Application "Unlocking Potential"

Application Deadline: February 13, 2009 (postmark date)



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Minority Achievers Program (MAP) Scholarship

Eligibility Criteria

For scholarship eligibility, students **must** fulfill the following during the current program year (1/1/08-5/31/09):

- Y** Be enrolled, with all fees paid (unless waived in advance of the program year), in one of MYC educational initiatives (Future Professions Academy, Countdown to Success) for the full year beginning spring/fall start date for 2008
- Y** Be a student in grades 10 -12
- Y** Participate in at least 75% of designated program meetings (Although application is due prior to the conclusion of some programs, students are expected to maintain attendance. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of award)
- Y** Show strong commitment to service through volunteer/community experience
- Y** Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average (for both semesters) or higher on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent
- Y** Plan to enroll in an accredited two or four year college, university, or vocational/technical school upon high school completion
- Y** Submit three recommendation letters. Two from a non-family program volunteer, teacher and/or mentor and one from a peer. Peer recommendation must be at least two typed paragraphs, dated and signed. Peer classification: classmate, church member, program member, etc.

Scholarship Award and Notification

MAP will award scholarships to selected students ranging from \$250 -\$6,000.

Round One: Recipients will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, work experience, extra-curricular activities, community involvement, and recommendations. Notification of successful first round completion will be sent to students via mail by **February 27, 2009**.

Round Two: Students who have met the above criteria will be called for an on-site interview with the selection committee. Scholarships will be awarded based on selection procedures set forth by the Minority Achiever Scholarship Committee. Notification of scholarship awards will be sent via mail by **March 27, 2009**.

All students will receive written notification of their award status via mail from the Committee Chairperson. Students that receive an award must attend the 29th Annual Minority Achievers Awards Gala on Friday, May 8th at Book Cadillac Banquet Center.

Payment of Awards

Students may receive scholarships each year from 10th through 12th grade as long as they meet the criteria and are selected by the scholarship committee. To access the funds following graduation, students must:

- Y** Be enrolled full-time in college during the fall semester immediately following their high school completion (or funds will be forfeited)
- Y** Submit name of the college where student has been admitted along with department mailing address, class schedule and student ID number for proper application of the scholarship award to the student's account.

For students who have not completed high school but are recipients of a scholarship award, funds will be held in a YMCA trust fund; then upon enrollment, the funds will be issued as a non-restricted scholarship awards.

For more information:

Via written mail: YMCA Minority Achievers Scholarship Committee
Attn: Belinda Turner Dubois
7375 Woodward, Suite 2600
Detroit, MI 48202



Section D: Extra-curricular Activities

Please list all extra-curricular activities or programs you have participated in the previous two years. (January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2008)

Extra-curricular/Memberships	School/Organization	Offices held	Dates From/To	Contact Name & #
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

Section E: Personal Essay

Typed 1000 word, double spaced essay that explains all of the following four items:

1. Why is attending college important to you?
2. What field of study will you pursue and why have you chosen that field?
3. Upon graduation, how will you contribute to improving the local (or other) community?
4. List the name/activities of the YMCA Metro Youth Collaborative program(s) you've participated in and explain how it has helped prepare you for your future?

Sign the essay and attach with the application.

Section F: Certification

I hereby certify that all information on this application is true and accurate. I am fully aware that any misrepresentation will result in disqualification of my application.

Student signature



____/____/____
Date

Parent signature

____/____/____
Date

Section G: Application Checklist

It is the student's responsibility to submit all requested material to the Scholarship Committee by the February 13 postmarked deadline date. All requested information must be submitted as one packet (*no piece mail*).

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Your completed application must include:

- Application form
- 1000 word essay
- Three letters of recommendation
- High school transcript
- Recent headshot photograph

Completed application must be **mailed only** to: YMCA Minority Achievers Scholarship Committee
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The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit reserves the right to modify the criteria for scholarship awards without notifying students or parents; however any modifications will be made prior to the year for which the criteria applies.