

Montgomery County Community Foundation Frances E. Gray Family Scholarship 2011 Application

About the Frances E. Gray Family Scholarship

The program will provide scholarships toward tuition and fees for two students from each of the Montgomery County High Schools who will attend a college or university in the state of Indiana. The scholarships will be awarded to first year college students for one year only and are not renewable. Academic achievement and financial need are the basis of the scholarship selection.

To be considered for the Frances E. Gray Scholarship, you must meet the following requirements:

1. You must graduate by the end of June 2011 with a diploma from an accredited Montgomery County high school; and are planning to attend an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana.
2. You must have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale.
3. You must currently be a resident of Montgomery County, Indiana and have lived in Montgomery County, Indiana, since August 2009.
4. You are not eligible to apply for the Frances E. Gray Scholarship if you are the child, grandchild, great grandchild, spouse, brother, sister, brother-in-law or sister-in-law of a person who during the last three years has served as a member of the Board of Directors, Scholarship Committee or Staff of the Montgomery County Community Foundation.

The application process is designed for us to learn as much about you as possible. Community, school, and volunteer activities will be taken into consideration. This is your opportunity to showcase your abilities and your experiences. Selection of scholarship finalists is based on financial need and academic achievement. As funds are available, the committee will award scholarships to two students from each of the Montgomery County High Schools.

Personal Statement

The personal statement will allow us to become acquainted with you in ways different from courses, grades, test scores, and other objective data. Your personal statement will demonstrate your ability to organize thoughts and express yourself. We are looking for a personal statement that will allow us to get to know you better as an individual. Your personal statement should be between 300 - 500 typed words and should address the following statement: **Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.**

Special Circumstances

Special circumstances are defined as anything outside of a student's control that may affect academic achievement or your involvement in activities. Examples of special circumstances affecting academic achievement could be serious illness or disability of a student or family member, traumatic event (house fire, loss of a loved one, accident), or other serious incident. Examples of special circumstances affecting a student's financial situation could include: personal or parental bankruptcy, large medical expenditure, business failure, job loss, unusual child support arrangement, or other situations which significantly impact a student's ability to pay for college. There are other instances outside these examples, which could qualify as a special circumstance. If you feel that your regular application does not communicate adequately a special circumstance, please explain your personal situation on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. Please provide as many details as possible.

Checklist for Applicants:

- **Completed application (signature required)**
- **Official high school transcript – must include 7 semesters**
- **SAT scores - accepted from official high school transcript or directly from SAT testing service**
- **Personal Statement**
- **Special Circumstances Statement – if applicable**
- **A copy of the first two pages only of your 2010* federal tax return**
- **A copy of the first two pages only of your parent(s) or legal guardian's 2010* federal tax return**

***Note: If your 2010 tax documents have not been filed, you may submit your 2009 tax documents.**

Confidentiality Statement: We realize that your financial information is personal. To protect your privacy, your actual tax documents will only be seen by authorized MCCF employees. In addition, all personal information (i.e. name, sex, address, high school) will be blacked out. Your identity will remain anonymous to the selection committee.

Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 04, 2011.

Applications may be dropped off at the MCCF office located at 118 East Main St., 2nd Floor or mailed to:
Montgomery County Community Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Coordinator
P.O. Box 334
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Questions: If you have questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact MCCF at 765-362-1267.

www.mccf-in.org

Please detach and keep this instruction sheet for your records.

Frances E. Gray Family Scholarship Instructions

Application Instructions

Please read and follow all instructions carefully. Failure to follow instructions may eliminate your application from consideration.

- You must fill out your own application and write the personal statement or essay in your own words. It is acceptable to ask for proofreading and other help but ***all work must be yours***.
- Include all requested materials (and only the requested materials) and fill out the application completely and accurately. Incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered.
- Use the application form and the space provided *only*. Do not include attachments except as requested. (for example the personal statement)
- All pages of the application should be single-sided only. Do not use the back of pages to submit information; it will not be considered as part of your application unless our office has instructed you to put information on the back of a page.
- Please do not tape, staple, glue, or otherwise fasten any part of or anything to your application.
- The completed application should be submitted in a large envelope. Do not fold application.
- All materials, including references, transcripts, etc. must be received by the deadline or the application will not be considered. If written references are requested as a part of the application, it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the references have been received.
- Please do not use identifying information except where specifically requested. Your identity will remain anonymous to the selection committee.
- Use the check list found on the cover page to be certain all items have been included in your scholarship application before turning it in to the committee.
- Do not use pencil to complete your application; print in ink or type.
- Please keep a copy of the application. We cannot provide copies of any application materials, including transcripts, financial information, and references, once submitted.

If you have questions, contact MCCF at 362-1267. Applications are available to download from the MCCF website at www.mccf-in.org

Please detach application instruction page before submitting application.

General Information

(please type or print)

Last Name First Name Middle Called

Home Address City State Zip

Birth Date Sex (M or F) Email address Home Phone Cell phone

Are you a resident of Montgomery County? ____ How long? ____ Are you a 21st Century Scholar? ____

Family Information

Full name of father/guardian: _____

Address: _____ ph: _____

Full name of mother/guardian: _____

Address: _____ ph: _____

Please provide the following information regarding the parent(s)/stepparent who live with the student listed above.

| Name | Relationship to Student (father, mother, stepfather etc.) | Work Phone Number/ Email Address |
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Please provide the following information regarding all other individuals living in the household listed above (brothers, sisters, other relatives). For those currently attending college, please indicate with an asterisk (*) if they will be attending college during the next academic year.

| Name | Relationship to Student (brother, sister, other) | Current Grade in School (or college if applicable) | Name of College Individual is Attending (if applicable) |
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Education Information

High School Grade Point Average _____ on a _____ scale

High School Diploma (circle one): Regular Diploma Core 40 Diploma Core 40 Academic Honors Diploma

SAT Results

Enter the results of your first and last tests only. Enter the date that each test was taken. Enter the best score for each category in the best column. Enter the total for the best scores. If you are reporting only one set of scores, please insert them in last column and best column and mark the date with an asterisk (*).

| | First | Last | Best |
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| Date test taken | | | XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX |
| SAT Critical Reading | | | |
| SAT Math | | | |
| SAT Writing | | | |
| Total score of best scores | | | |

College/University Choices

Please name your top three college/university choices. Also indicate your admission status (admitted, pending, denied admittance).

First choice _____

Second choice _____

Third Choice _____

List your major _____ List your minor _____

List your anticipated profession _____

References - list two references who could tell us something about you. Examples may include a teacher, minister, work supervisor or family friend.

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Work Experience (including summer)

| Employer | Position | Dates of Employment | No.Hrs./Wk. |
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What do you like to do in your spare time?

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If I am selected as a recipient of the Frances E. Gray Family Scholarship, I understand and will comply with the following conditions:

- I will graduate from a Montgomery County High School, and I will be attending an Indiana accredited college or university.
- I will notify the Montgomery County Community Foundation of my final college selection on or before July 1, 2011.
- I understand that the Frances E. Gray Family Scholarship Award is for one year only and that it is not renewable.

Signature of student

Date

Signature of parent/legal guardian

Date

Printed name of parent/legal guardian