

Montgomery County Community Foundation John and Ruth Isaacs Family Scholarship 2012 Application

About the Isaacs Scholarship

The scholarship was established by local philanthropists John and Ruth Isaacs. The scholarship is renewable for four years of undergraduate study.

To be considered for the Isaacs Scholarship you must meet the following requirements:

1. You must graduate by the end of June 2012 with a diploma from an accredited Montgomery County high school; rank in the top 1/3 of your class, and have been accepted to pursue a full-time baccalaureate course of study at an accredited public or private college or university in Indiana.
2. You must currently be a resident of Montgomery County, Indiana and have lived in Montgomery County, Indiana since August 2010.
3. You are not eligible to apply for the John and Ruth Isaacs 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.

Selection is based on academic excellence and financial need.

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: ***Have you witnessed a person who is close to you doing something that you considered seriously wrong? Describe the circumstances, your thoughts, and how you chose to respond. If you discussed it with the person, was his/her justification valid? In retrospect, what, if anything would you have done differently and why?***

Special Circumstances

Special circumstances are defined as anything outside of a student's control that may affect academic achievement or financial situation. 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 financial situation could include: bankruptcy, large medical expenditure, business failure, job loss, or unusual child support arrangement. 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**
- Official high school transcript**
- SAT and/or ACT scores - accepted from official transcript or directly from SAT/ACT testing service**
- Personal Statement**
- Special Circumstances Statement (if applicable)**
- A copy of the first two pages only of your 2011 federal tax return***
- A copy of the first two pages only of your parent(s) or legal guardian's 2011 federal tax return***

***Note: If your 2011 tax documents have not been filed, you may submit your 2010 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 unless you are selected as a finalist for the Isaacs Scholarship.

Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2012.

Applications may be dropped off at the MCCF office located at 119 East Main Street or mailed to:

Montgomery County Community Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Coordinator
P.O. Box 334
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Please detach and keep this instruction sheet for your records!

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 and keep this application instruction sheet for your personal file. Do not include with the Isaac application.

General Information

(please type or print)

Last Name First Name Middle Date of birth Gender (M or F)

Home Address City State Zip

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

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)

Education Information

High School Grade Point Average _____ on a _____ scale

High School Diploma (circle one): 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
Date test taken			XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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 anticipated profession _____

Educational Goals

Using only the space below write a brief paragraph describing your educational goals for the future and how you plan to achieve these goals.

College Cost Information

Tuition	
Room & Board	
Books & Supplies	
Other expenses (please explain)	
Total College Expenses	\$

Financial Information

How much can you contribute to your college expenses without borrowing?	\$
How much can your parents contribute to your college expenses without borrowing?	\$

Number of people living in your household	
Number of people living in your household who will be attending college as a full time student in 2012-2013	

Please list anticipated scholarships and grants for the **2012-2013** school year only.

Scholarship/Grant/Award	Amount
Total Awards	\$

What was your federal adjusted gross income for 2011?	
What was your parent's federal adjusted gross income for 2011*?	
Total Income for 2011	\$

*You may submit 2010 information if 2011 documents are not filed

Community activities and volunteerism – please list organizations and years of involvement

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Work Experience (including summer jobs) – please specify your job title and the length of your employment

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Hobbies

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Student Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date