

The Mary Jane Simpson Scholarship Fund

This multi-year scholarship is open to all DC Public School seniors who are going on to college. It is offered through the Friends Meeting of Washington, Langley Hill Friends Meeting, and Bethesda Friends Meeting (Quakers).

How to apply: Submit the Mary Jane Simpson Scholarship Application Form (on the reverse side), with a Personal Statement, a Resume, a DC Public Schools transcript and senior mid-year report card, verification of SAT and/or ACT scores, two letters of recommendation including at least one from a teacher (letters from two teachers are encouraged), and page 1 of the 2017 or 2018 IRS Federal Tax Form 1040 or 1040A that lists parents' Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) - or if parents did not file, include the 2018-19 FAFSA form, showing parents' income. This documentation of family income is required for the application to be considered.

Selection criteria: Students with demonstrated drive and determination to succeed in college, solid academic achievement, strong financial need, success in overcoming past obstacles, strong values and contribution to the community. Typically, scholarships have gone to students with a household income well under \$50,000.

Deadline for applications: Full applications need to be received by email no later than April 26, 2019. If mailing a paper application is absolutely necessary, it needs to be postmarked no later than April 26.

Interviews: Candidates are invited for interviews in June. Interview date is June 22, 2019.

Notification of Winners: Decisions about scholarship winners will be made by the end of June, 2019.

Number of scholarships to be awarded this year: 5

Amount: \$6,000 – disbursed \$1,500 per year, for years one through four of college.

Applicants are encouraged to apply without regard to race, gender identity, nationality, immigration status, or religion.

Please send application by email if at all possible. College/Senior counselors' offices are asked to assist applicants to scan their forms into one pdf file.

To apply electronically: Attach all documentation to the application form in a pdf format, so that your application is in one electronic file and email to simpsonscholarship@gmail.com. Include your name and MJS Scholarship Application in subject line.

If absolutely necessary, we will accept a hard copy mailed to the following address:

Mary Jane Simpson Scholarship Fund
Friends Meeting of Washington
2111 Florida Avenue Northwest
Washington, DC 20008-1912

Application Form on the Reverse Side of this Page

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Name of Student (Last, First, MI) _____

Name of High School _____ School Phone _____

Home Address _____

Email address _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____

SAT Scores: Reading/Writing: _____ Math: _____ and/or ACT Composite Score: _____

Cumulative High School Grade Point Average _____ Class rank (if known) _____

List colleges to which you have applied:

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

Intended Major: _____

Your Goals & Career Interests: _____

Parents' Income reported on Adjusted Gross Income line of 2017 or 2018 Form 1040 or 1040A: _____

Note: Please include page 1 of Form 1040 or 1040A. If parents, did not file, please include a copy of the page of your FAFSA form that lists parents' income.

Name of School Counselor _____ Counselor's Phone _____

Student Signature / Date

Principal/Counselor Signature / Date

Parent/Guardian Signature / Date

Applications are due by email (or must be postmarked by) April 26, 2019.

To complete your application, attach the following documents and **check the box for each when you have done so**:

- Essay/Personal Statement, telling us what you think we need to know about you
- Up -to-date high school transcript and your senior mid-year report card (if those grades are not on your transcript)
- Two letters of recommendation from your school, at least one of which is from a teacher (two preferred). We welcome additional references from people who know you but are not relatives—e.g., a college counselor, current or former employer
- Verification of SAT and/or ACT scores
- List of school activities, honors, church and community activities, and jobs held since starting Grade 9 (or include a resume)
- Verification of family income on Form 1040 or 1040A, or if parents did not file, a copy of the FAFSA page showing that information

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