

**Over
\$50,000
in scholarships
awarded
annually**



**Open to all
graduating
seniors from
Maryland
public schools**

ANNUAL STATEWIDE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- **100 finalists from across the state will be awarded a \$500 scholarship.**
- **All finalists invited to an Awards Ceremony where additional scholarships of \$2,500 and \$5,000 will be awarded.**
- **Pick up an application from your appropriate school office today.**
- **Deadline for submission is March 1st.**





MASONIC CHARITIES OF MARYLAND, INC.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. is to provide support and assistance to Maryland youth in order to ensure their safety and well-being and to encourage their success in schools and in their communities.

Initiatives and Programs

Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. ("MCM") is a health and human services organization with particular emphasis on providing services and programs to the youth of Maryland. MCM focuses its efforts through three programs, the Student Assistance Program ("SAP"), a high school scholarship program, and the Maryland Child Identification Program (MDCHIP).

The MCM pioneered the institution in Maryland of the SAP, which is an intervention and education program that operates in primary and secondary public schools throughout the state. MCM funded the initial training and has provided more than \$400,000 to support SAP since the program's inception. Through the SAP, school employees, including teachers, nurses, counselors, administrators, and others form teams to identify behavioral characteristics that indicate a student may be affected by any one of several stressors, such as alcohol and other drug use, violence, depression, suicide, family issues, etc. Training consists of learning to identify, and then provide assistance to the student to address the problem area affecting the student. The SAP has been a great success, and has received accolades from former Governor Parris N. Glendening, former Governor William Donald Schaefer and the Maryland State Department of Education.

MCM also sponsors post high school education scholarships that are awarded to graduating high school students from each of Maryland's counties and Baltimore City who desire to continue with their education. The scholarship criteria consist of leadership skills, demonstrated civic involvement, and financial need. MCM reviews the scholarship applications and awards over \$50,000 in scholarships each spring.

The Maryland Child Identification Program (MDCHIP), provides parents of school children with a database of personal information on their child, to be used to assist law enforcement personnel if a the child goes missing or is abducted. The personal data, which is stored on a CD, includes personal/family contact information, a current photo of the child, a cheek swab (for DNA analysis), and a video interview of the child on the day this program is offered at the school. Adults seeking similar identification protection are offered the same service.



MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Closing Date March 1, 2017

To be completed by applicant and public school official

To the Applicant:

Since you will be judged upon the information you furnish in this application, give considerable thought to what information is being requested and to the substance of the data you will submit. Provide as much information about yourself as may be necessary to complete each section. Remember, the members of the Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc. Selection Committee have not met you and have only this application by which to judge you.

Additional pages of narrative or supporting documentation may be added to any section. This can include newspaper clippings, photos, letters of recommendation from persons with your school and/or community, and other materials that will give the Committee a better insight about you and your school and community activities. You are encouraged to submit copies rather than originals. Any materials you send will not be returned to you unless you specify what particular items you wish returned and provide an appropriate self-addressed, stamped envelope.

With the exception of section III, which must be in your own handwriting, you may type the remaining sections of the application. When using pen, be certain handwriting is legible.

All applications and correspondence should be returned to your principal or guidance counselor by **March 1, 2017.**

I. Identification Data (Please print or type)

Applicant's Name: _____
First Middle Last
Middle Middle Middle

Applicant's Address: _____
Street, Box or R.F.D. Number
Middle

City County Zip Code Telephone
Middle Middle Middle Middle
Applicant's High School: _____

Street, Box or R.F.D. Number
Middle
City County Zip Code Telephone
Middle Middle Middle Middle

- Permission Granted for Duplication -

Middle

II. Academic Record

Grade Point Average _____ Rank in Class _____ Number in Class _____

Date When Above Information Was Compiled _____
Month Middle Year Middle

III. Personal Résumé

You must complete this section **in your own handwriting**. Write about yourself, your home and family interests, future educational and vocational plans, and reason(s) for making this application including your need for financial assistance.

Date
Middle

Signature of Applicant
Middle

IV. School Activities

List those high school activities in which you have participated. Indicate the number of years you participated in each of these activities and any leadership roles you had in them.

V. Community Activities

Describe your involvement in organizations or activities within your community. Mention ways in which you may have been of service to your community in general or to people in your community in particular. Indicate any leadership roles you have had in this area.

VI. Evaluation by School Official (Superintendent, Principal or Counselor)

Provide information, if known, about the applicant relative to the following:

1. Personal attributes
2. Abilities, talents, and interests
3. Scholarship, study habits, and probably success in college or vocational school
4. Home and family
5. Need for financial assistance
6. Any pertinent or unusual factor(s) which should be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee
7. List scholarship awards and/or financial assistance awarded to the student

Date
Middle

Signature of School Official
Middle

Title
Middle