

# **Mt. Baker Community Club**

## **Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship**

### **Application 2018**

#### **About the Scholarship**

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund was started in 1985 by a small group of neighbors in the Mount Baker community and is a sponsored activity of the Mount Baker Community Club. This year, we plan to award twelve scholarships to local high school seniors who plan to attend 2-year or 4-year accredited colleges or universities. Scholarship awards will be for \$5,000, and qualified recipients will receive the same amount for a second year. The goal of this scholarship is to help deserving students achieve the dream of a higher education. **We are looking for candidates who have demonstrated academic potential and persistence, but who may be overlooked by traditional scholarship programs where GPA and test scores are heavily weighted. We select candidates who show evidence of financial need, academic progress, community involvement, and the ability to manage life's challenges.** Students from ethnic or racial groups that have been historically underrepresented in higher education are highly encouraged to apply.

Find additional information at <http://www.mountbaker.org/scholarship>.

#### **Eligibility**

1. Students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of or attend school in one of the following zip codes: 98104, 98108, 98118, 98122, 98134, 98144;
- Be a member of a racial or ethnic group that has been historically underrepresented in higher education;
- Demonstrate financial need; and
- Complete and submit the attached Application Form along with the required supporting documents.

2. **The application must be e-mailed, hand delivered, or postmarked no later than Friday, January 26, 2018.** We will not consider incomplete or late submissions.

All applications and information provided will be kept confidential and will be reviewed only by the Scholarship Committee and its designees. Scholarship recipients will be notified by email or telephone. Scholarships will be awarded at a ceremony at the Mount Baker Community Club on March 23, 2018. We hope that all scholarship recipients will be able to attend so that we can honor your significant efforts and achievements.

## Application Form – Due January 26, 2018

**Instructions:** Typed electronic submissions are preferred. Hand-written applications must be neat and legible. Provide all information requested.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City

Zip Code

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity/Identity: \_\_\_\_\_ Race \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

Free & Reduced Lunch?  Washington College Bound Scholar? (if either of these applies to you, please check the box)

### The following documents are required by the due date:

- Completed Application Form**
- Current high school transcript**
- Attendance information** from the official source or school personnel for the first semester of 2017-2018 school year.
- Two letters of recommendation** (at least one from a teacher, school counselor, or principal).  
*Recommendations from school personnel should be on official letterhead and include contact information for the writer.*

### **Typed Personal Essay**

*The essay should include the following background information:*

- Details about yourself, including a description of any challenges you have experienced and how you dealt with them.
- any community service you have performed;
- school, community, or religious activities you have participated in;
- your post-high school college and career goals;
- your college preparation (including any formal college preparation programs you have participated in);
- any other points you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider; and
- your name and contact information at the top of **each page** of the essay.*

### **Statement of Financial Need**

*Describe your financial need for the scholarship. Include the following:*

- your family's total annual income;
- the number of people in your family;
- whether you are eligible for a free or reduced lunch program;
- any other circumstances you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider regarding your financial need.

*(You may attach a completed FAFSA/WASFA form instead of a description. Recipients of the scholarship will be asked to provide a FAFSA/WASFA form prior to the disbursement of funds.)*

### Submit Completed Applications to:

**mendoza@sgb-law.com (include your full name and "MLK Application" in subject line).**

Please note: the Scholarship Committee prefers that applications and supporting documents be submitted electronically. If this is not possible, please submit by U.S. Mail or hand delivery to:

MBCC MLK Scholarship - c/o Virginia Mendoza, Schroeter, Goldmark & Bender,  
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