

Mt. Baker Community Club

Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship

Application 2019-2020

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 up to 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 \$6,000, and qualified recipients will receive the same amount for a second year.

Scholarship Criteria

The goal of this scholarship is to help deserving students achieve the dream of a higher education. We seek 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. An ideal candidate will have a GPA between 2.4 and 3.5. We select candidates who show evidence of financial need, academic progress, community involvement, and the ability to manage life's challenges. The scholarship is limited to students from ethnic or racial groups that are underrepresented in higher education.

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; (Franklin, Garfield, NOVA, Interagency sites, Rainier Beach, South Lake, Cleveland and independent schools in these zip codes are all eligible).
- Be a member of a racial or ethnic group that is 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 24, 2020. We will not consider incomplete or late submissions, so we encourage early 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 20, 2020. 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 24, 2020

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 September through December of the 2019-2020 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. Recommendations from non-school personnel should describe the relationship of the writer to the applicant and include contact information for the writer.

Typed Personal Essay

The essay should exemplify the spirit and vision of Martin Luther King, Jr., be no more than 600 words, and may 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;
- any 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.

(Recipients of the scholarship will be asked to provide a FAFSA/WASFA form prior to receiving funds. If you have completed your FAFSA already, please include a copy with your application.)

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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