MFEI Scholarship Application Instructions

This document is a comprehensive overview of the MFEI scholarship application. This first section lists the steps you will need to follow to complete the application correctly.

Please note: When starting an application, please use an email address that you will continue to use beyond this year. All scholarship communication will go through that email. In the event that you change your email address, please let us know ASAP at info@marcusfoster.org.

How to Complete your Application

Step 1: Review the overview of the application below. Collect the needed documents and information.

Step 2: Confirm that you have a strong internet connection and click the ‘Apply Now’ link on the ‘Scholarships and Claims’ section of the MFEI website. Eligibility for the various scholarships that MFEI offers is determined through this form. After inputting some information about yourself, you will be shown a few scholarship options and asked to indicate which you would like to apply for. You will only be shown scholarships that you are eligible for based on the information you enter.

Step 3: Read through the requirements for each of the scholarships listed, including the needed essays, and indicate for each whether you would like to apply.

Step 4: Continue in the application and complete and submit the ‘Terms and Conditions’ page. At this point you can leave your application and resume it later.

Step 5: Work on and complete your answers for the essays offline to ensure you do not lose your work.

Step 6: Make sure you have a secure internet connection and return to the application and submit your prepared information and essay responses by copying and pasting your answers into the appropriate fields.

Step 7: Submit when complete.

Below is a list of documents you will need on hand to complete the scholarship application:

- Student Aid Report from your FAFSA/CA Dream Act Application
  - If you are not AB540 eligible or eligible to complete a CA Dream Act application, you are still eligible for an MFEI scholarship. Please contact MFEI at info@marcusfoster.org before beginning your application, and we will offer an alternate way to complete this step.
- High School/College Transcript
- Essay(s) (Number and prompts will depend on your eligibility and selections)
- Name & Contact Information for people submitting Letters of Recommendation on your behalf
Marcus Foster Education Institute Prospective Scholar Intake Form

*Please Note: You may be asked to answer some of these questions more than once throughout the application.

1. Name
2. DOB
3. Email
4. Phone Number
5. Mailing Address
6. Gender
7. Ethnicity
8. Race
9. Grade
10. If you are a college student, you must have previously received a scholarship from MFEI as a high school student to be eligible for a scholarship now. Have you previously received a scholarship from MFEI?
11. Is your parent or legal guardian a Port of Oakland Employee?
12. Will you or did you graduate from a high school within one of the nine counties in the SF Bay Area? If so, which county? (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma)
13. Will you or did you graduate from a high school in Oakland or Pleasanton Unified? (Oakland, Pleasanton, Neither Oakland or Pleasanton)
14. High School and District
15. Cumulative Weighted GPA
16. EFC Amount?
17. The Clorox/Craig Sullivan Scholarship: Students who would like to apply for the $5,000 Craig Sullivan Scholarship must: (1) have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0; and (2) have a second letter of recommendation. Applicants for this scholarship will also be judged on leadership, character, citizenship and merit, and must submit a second essay explaining why he/she should be granted the scholarship. Would you like to be considered for the Clorox/Craig Sullivan scholarship?
18. Port of Oakland Executive Director Scholarship: Students who wish to apply for the $5,000 Port of Oakland Executive Director scholarship must: (1) have a minimum GPA of 2.0; (2) submit an essay about your goals to study a STEM field, and why you think you are a good candidate for this scholarship; and (3) submit a second letter of recommendation. Applicants for this scholarship will also be judged on their interest in entering a Port related career (e.g., transportation, international trade and logistics, international business, aviation). Would you like to be considered for the Port of Oakland Executive Director scholarship?
19. Making A-G Real Multimedia Scholarship: The Making A-G real Multimedia Scholarship provides a chance for OUSD students to bring their ideas for change in education to a public platform and use their artistic talents to present it. Students who would like to be considered for this award must submit an original multimedia piece (video, song, art, etc) with a brief artist statement. Applicant ideas will be voted on via the MFEI website and judged by a panel of students from the OUSD All City Council. Would you like to be considered for the Making A-G Real Multimedia Scholarship?
Questions asked of All Applicants

1. Full Name
2. Mailing Address
3. Phone Number
4. Gender
5. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
6. Ethnicity (Hispanic/Latino, Not Hispanic/Latino)
7. Race (American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, Black/African American, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, White, Declined to State, Other)
8. Home Language
9. For Asian and Pacific Islander Students only, please specify.
10. Email Address
11. LinkedIn Profile (If you have one)
12. High School, School District, Current Grade (High School Senior, College Freshman, College Sophomore, College Junior, College Senior)
13. I plan to attend a: 4 year college, 2 year college, vocational or trade school.
14. College(s) you plan to attend next fall or are currently enrolled in?
15. What will you major in?
16. Please select the highest level of education you intend to complete?
17. Did you complete the FAFSA or CA Dream Act application?
   If you are not AB540 eligible or eligible to complete a CA Dream Act application, you are still eligible for an MFEI scholarship. Please contact MFEI at info@marcusfoster.org before beginning your application, and we will offer an alternate way to complete this step.
18. Did you complete the FAFSA/CA Dream Act application by the priority deadline on March 2nd?
19. Expected Living Situation for next fall? (On-Campus, Off-Campus with or without family)
20. EFC amount?
21. Please upload your FAFSA/CA Dream Act Student Aid Report in PDF format.
22. Parent(s) Name
23. Parent(s) Phone Number
24. Parent(s) Email
25. Parent(s) Highest Level of Education
26. Did one or both of your parents earn at least a Bachelor’s degree?
27. Cumulative Weighted GPA
28. Please upload your high school/college transcript. Accepted formats are PDF or JPG.
29. SHORT ESSAY: Community Engagement and Life Experiences (HS students only)
   Prompt: Please briefly elaborate on any awards, extracurricular activities, volunteer experience, or work experiences that have been meaningful to you. What made you choose to participate in this experience and what has been its significance in your life? Length: 250-300 words.
30. ESSAY: Personal Essay (All) - This personal essay helps us become acquainted with you apart from your academic coursework, grades, and test scores. It will also demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts and express yourself.
   Prompt: What is one problem you see in the world, and how will you use your college education and/or career plan to help solve it?
Scholarship Specific Questions

31. ESSAY: Port of Oakland Executive Director Scholarship Essay (Only HS applicants interested in being considered for award) - The Port Executive Director scholarship award is intended to foster the development of youth in the transportation field by encouraging students to undertake careers in the area of transportation. One way it does this is by awarding the Port Executive Director award to students pursuing studies in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

Prompt: Please provide a statement about your goals to pursue studies in STEM areas while in college and why you think you should receive the scholarship award.

Length: 800 to 1,000 words.

32. ESSAY: Craig Sullivan Scholarship Essay (Only HS applicants interested in being considered for award):

Craig Sullivan’s career in the consumer products industry spanned 37 years, 32 of which were with The Clorox Company. Born in Huntington, N.Y., Mr. Sullivan earned a degree in accounting from Boston College in 1964. After college, he launched his career with the Procter & Gamble Company, and joined Clorox in 1971. After advancing through a number of sales and management positions with the company, in 1992, Mr. Sullivan was named chief executive officer and elected chairman of the board. He served in this capacity until he relinquished his position as CEO in June 2003 and retired from his position as chairman of the board in December 2003.

One of Mr. Sullivan's many legacies at Clorox is his articulation of the company's values - the core set of beliefs held by Clorox people everywhere that form an important part of the company's culture. He believes one of the things that sets Clorox apart from other companies is that Clorox employees live these values every day.

- Stretch for Results: Our success is measured by our ability to consistently win in the marketplace, by exceeding the expectations of our consumers, customers, shareholders and each other.

- Do the Right Thing: The long-term health of the company depends on our integrity, on the way we treat the environment, and on never making decisions which compromise the high standards and ethics that are the foundation of our culture.

- Take Personal Ownership: Progress is driven by people who take personal ownership for delivering results and for making the process to achieve those results as fast, simple and effective as they can be.

- Work Together to Win: Success depends on productive collaboration among Clorox people and between Clorox people and our current and future business partners. Five Oakland businessmen, none of whom was a chemist, invested $100 in 1913 to attempt the nation's first commercial production of bleach. That investment and entrepreneurial spirit gave rise to an enterprise that has become a $4.3 billion business that manufactures a wide range of consumer products in 22 countries and markets them in more than 120 countries.

Prompt: Reflecting on the information provided in the profile of Craig Sullivan and The Clorox Company, please submit an essay describing your thoughts on leadership and the importance of living up to a core set of values.
Pick one of the company’s four values to focus on. Discuss how these two topics (leadership and values) are reflected in your life. Provide information that will help the selection committee better understand your leadership abilities, character and citizenship.

**Length:** 750-1,000 words.

33. Making A-G Real Scholarship (Only HS applicants interested in the award)

Unlike the other MFEI scholarships, applicant submissions for this scholarship are posted to the MFEI website for community voting and sometimes also judged by a panel. Should your application be chosen for voting, you will be contacted by MFEI for instructions to promote your submission. The scholarship seeks to bring greater attention to the issues in education that are truly most meaningful to you as students.

- Please select area/pillar you will respond to with your submission: Quality Teachers and Teaching; Safety, Culture, and Climate; or Student Supports
- You may submit visual art_graphics, a video or audio clip, photography, or written work. Be creative!
- Please choose the type of multimedia you will be uploading (video/audio recording; written/visual work; or youtube video link)
- Please upload file
- SHORT ESSAY: Please provide an artist’s statement. This is a written description of your work to give voters on the ACC selection committee an understanding of your intention and inspiration.
  
  **Prompt:** The statement can include information about how you created your piece, context and background, or reasons for your submission choice and creative process. Be sure to briefly address why the A-G pillar you choose: (1) Safety, Culture, and Climate; (2) Student Support; or (3) Quality Teaching, is important to you and what you would like your audience to take away from your work.
  
  **Length:** Up to 250 words

**Questions asked of All Applicants**

34. Recommender Name
35. Recommender Email
36. Recommender Phone Number
37. Recommender Title
38. Recommender Organization
39. Recommender 2 Contact Info (Only HS applicants that want to be considered for Craig Sullivan and/or PORT ED scholarship awards are required to submit a second contact)