

## The ESL Legacy Scholarship

## THE SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the ESL Legacy Scholarship is to provide college scholarship support to children whose parents studied English as a Second Language through classes or tutoring offered by the Literacy Council of Montgomery County. In providing financial support, the scholarship seeks to enable financially disadvantaged youth to pursue higher education. The award symbolically honors their parents for demonstrating the importance of education and life-long learning to their children.

## AWARD AVAILABILITY

Awardees of the ESL Legacy Scholarship will receive the following benefits:

- Up to \$5,000 per year in college scholarship funding (maximum \$20,000 total).
- A sponsored spot in the Future Link 14-week Self-advocacy and Career Development Seminar, which includes informational interviews with leaders in your chosen career field. Additional mentoring, internship and tutoring supports are available post-seminar.

## ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible if you:

- Are a High School senior planning to pursue a college degree starting in the 2018 Fall or a current college student.
- Have a parent/guardian who participated in the Literacy Council of Montgomery County (minimum of 2 classes or 1 year of tutoring).
- Have significant financial needs, as determined by Future Link.
- Are motivated and dedicated to pursuing higher education.
- Submitted a FAFSA by the date of application submission if you are a US Citizen or permanent resident OR have appended a 1040 tax form to this application if you are neither a US Citizen nor permanent resident.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants will be considered on the basis of

- financial need
- past academic performance
- activities outside of school
- personal statement

## NOTIFICATION & FOLLOW UP

Students will be notified of their application status by **May 31, 2019**. Scholarship winners will be required to provide proof of enrollment at an accredited 2 or 4 year institution by **July 31, 2019**.

In order to be eligible for future scholarship installments, the student must remain enrolled in school and in good academic standing (at least a 2.5 GPA or better). The student must also participate in the Future Link seminar within one year of receiving the first scholarship award.

## CHECKLIST OF MATERIALS

- Completed application form
- Personal Statement essay sheet
- Copy of FAFSA or 1040 Tax Form
- Transcript (*High school or, if currently enrolled in college, a college transcript*)
- Two Letters of Recommendation (*from non-family members, one of which must be from a teacher or advisor who knows you well.*)

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applications and attachments must be emailed or postmarked by **March 29, 2019**. Applications must be emailed, mailed, or delivered to:

**Gabriel Martinez Cabrera, Executive Director**  
**The Literacy Council of Montgomery County**  
**21 Maryland Ave # 320**  
**Rockville, MD 20850**  
**[gabriel@literacycouncilmcmd.org](mailto:gabriel@literacycouncilmcmd.org)**

## QUESTIONS

The ESL Legacy Scholarship is administered in partnership between The Literacy Council of Montgomery County, Future Link, and the Greater Washington Community Foundation.

Questions about the ESL Legacy Scholarship may be directed to Gabriel Martinez Cabrera, Executive Director, The Literacy Council of Montgomery County, at (301) 610-0030 or [gabriel@literacycouncilmcmd.org](mailto:gabriel@literacycouncilmcmd.org)

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## APPLICATION FORM

*Please type your answers or print clearly using blue or black ink. Use the reverse side or additional pages as needed.*

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name                      Middle Initial                      Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address (Apt. #)                      City                      State                      Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone                      Work Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone                      Email

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mo./Day/Yr.)

Sex: Male  Female

**Please list the name of your parent/guardian who participated in the Literacy Council of Montgomery County? (minimum of 2 classes or 1 year of tutoring).**

\_\_\_\_\_  
College/University/School You Plan to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

4 year college/university                       2 year college                       vocational/technical school

#### **I plan to attend:**

Full Time (12 Credit Hrs. or More)                       Part Time (11 Credit Hrs. or Less)

#### **Next year will be my:**

1<sup>st</sup> year of college                       2<sup>nd</sup> year of college  
 3<sup>rd</sup> year of college                       4<sup>th</sup> year of college

#### **College major:**

The major I have selected is \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am undecided about a major at this time.

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

Name of Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Dates attended: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Expected date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Year) (Month/Year)

Cumulative Grade Point Average: weighted \_\_\_\_\_ unweighted \_\_\_\_\_

If already in College: Credits Attempted: \_\_\_\_\_ Credits Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

For students currently attending a private high school or currently enrolled in college, please indicate if you received any financial aid or scholarship assistance. In which case, please list the source and amounts: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have taken any of the following tests, please note your scores:

<b><u>SAT</u></b>	<b><u>ACT</u></b>	<b><u>Other</u></b>
Verbal _____	English _____	Name _____
Math _____	Math _____	Score _____
Writing _____		
Combined _____		

Please list ***additional*** educational programs you have completed, including high school, other post-secondary education, and vocational training programs. Attach an addendum or a copy of your resume if more space is required.

Program/School Name	Dates of Attendance

List participation in extra-curricular, volunteer, community service, or athletic activities.

Program/Activity Name	Dates of Participation

List any school or community recognitions/awards you have received in the last 2 years.

Award, Name of School/Program/Community Group	Dates Received

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Please complete the following employment information or attach an updated resume.

Employer	Dates of Employment	Position Held/Hours weekly

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### **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

*Please type your answers or print clearly using blue or black ink. Use the reverse side or attach additional pages as needed.*

1. What are your professional or educational goals? Why did you choose this profession? Explain your current and future plans.
2. Tell us about yourself – your strengths, your goals, and what school subjects or activities you most enjoy.
3. How would scholarship funds help you? Why do you feel you should receive a scholarship?
4. Describe how you have been inspired by your parent/guardian's pursuit of English as a Second Language. How has their example influenced your own educational and career goals?
5. (Optional) Is there any additional information you would like to tell us that may help strengthen your candidacy for this award. Please note that you may choose to leave this question blank. If you opt to provide an answer, please limit your response to 250 words.



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## FINANCIAL NEED INFORMATION

### INSTRUCTIONS

In order for your application to be complete, please make certain you read all instructions below and attach the correct information. Please check the appropriate box next to your appropriate situation.

1.  Applicants who plan to attend Montgomery College and have filed a FAFSA, do NOT need to submit any additional tax information
  
2.  Applicants who are attending any college other than Montgomery College must either submit a copy of their FAFSA or a 1040 tax form of 2015 for your parents/guardians.

I verify that all documents submitted as part of this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_