

# MAYFL Scholarship Program

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The MAYFL Scholarship Program provides scholarships to students who participated in MAYFL as a cheerleader or football player for a minimum of two (2) years. Six (6) scholarships ranging from \$1000 to \$3000, depending upon the availability of scholarship funds, will be awarded. Scholarships are awarded based on applicant involvement in community service, school and leadership activities, and academic achievement. The scholarship is a one-time award with a minimum amount of \$1000. The funds are payable to an accredited post-secondary institution, skill/training center or trade school. The funds are provided to assist students with tuition, required registration or other fees.

## ELIGIBILITY

All high school seniors who participated in MAYFL and who have a desire and plan to continue their education beyond high school and who is committed to making a positive difference in our communities are eligible to apply. The student must be planning to enter an accredited post-secondary institution or trade school. The applicant must have a minimum grade point average of 2.50 and participate in community service activities for a minimum of 75 hours in the last year. Students must be a resident of Georgia, but may be attending a college outside of the state of Georgia. Students who were awarded the MAYFL Scholarship in previous years are not eligible.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligible students must complete the scholarship application and submit the requested documentation certifying community service, school involvement, and an essay describing the applicant's involvement in volunteerism, his/her accomplishments, and the importance of volunteerism. The applicant must also submit a certified copy of the most current cumulative grade transcript. Applications should be sent First Class or Priority Mail. Delivery confirmation is suggested, but not required. The application and all supporting documentation must be postmarked and submitted by the date specified by the Scholarship Committee.

## JUDGES

Recipients are selected by a panel of external judges who are not affiliated with MAYFL. A MAYFL team will oversee the process, but will not participate in judging.

## RECIPIENT NOTIFICATION AND PRESENTATION

MAYFL will send a letter of notification (email or US mail) to each scholarship applicant. Recognition of the scholarship winners will be conducted at the MAYFL monthly meeting in June of each award year.

## SELECTION PROCESS

The recipients will be selected on the basis of performance in three key areas. Each of the three areas is assigned a point value. Each applicant may receive grades from zero up to the total points allotted in each category: Each of the three performance areas will be assigned a point value by individual judges, and then total points will be summarized for a final score. The six (6) applicants with the highest total scores are awarded the scholarship. Each of the applicants will be notified whether or not they will be awarded a scholarship. Individual feedback about the judges' evaluation will not be provided. The decision of MAYFL is final.

1. **Community Service-(50 points)** The applicant is asked to provide a list of volunteer activities in the past year (April 2011 through March 2012) accompanied by one letter of documentation from a non-family member describing the applicant's volunteer involvement and accomplishments. The letter should describe the applicant's involvement and impact on a service project. The applicant's essay will also be used to determine total points in this area. There should be a minimum of 75 hours shown on the applicant's list of volunteer activities.
2. **Academic and Leadership Activities in School - (25 points)** The applicant is required to indicate cumulative GPA or cumulative numerical grade along with a copy of the most current school grade transcript and describe leadership roles while in high school. The applicant is asked to provide a list of School Leadership Activities accompanied by one one-page letter of documentation from a non-family member describing the applicant's involvement and accomplishments in one of the activities listed.
3. **Written Essay - (25 points)** Essay describing in 1,000 words or less what has been the most rewarding community service activity the applicant has participated in and why it was important to the applicant. The essay shall include 5 basic points:
  - The applicant's role in the project.
  - Time spent on the project - hours, days, etc.
  - Is the project a one-time or an ongoing effort?
  - Impact of project on applicant.
  - Why student feels his/her involvement in the project qualifies him or her to apply for this scholarship.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

***Q. Who can apply for this scholarship?***

A. High school seniors who have participated in MAYFL's cheer and football programs for at least two (2) years. The applicants must be residents of Georgia, but may be attending a college outside the state of Georgia.

***Q. How are scholarships awarded?***

A. A maximum of six (6) scholarships ranging in amount of \$1000 to \$3000, depending upon the availability of scholarship funds, will be awarded. Each recipient may receive one of the six scholarships based on established criteria as defined in documents provided by MAYFL with the scholarship application.

***Q. Are scholarship awards based on financial need?***

A. No. Scholarship awards are based on the three key areas defined in the selection process.

***Q. Will the number of scholarships awarded change?***

A. As with any program, changes may occur over time as circumstances, funding, administration and other key factors critical to the scholarship program change.

***Q. How might I appeal scholarship allocations?***

A. The scholarship awards are based on criteria established by the MAYFL and MAYFL's decisions are final. Information submitted by the applicant and any information utilized in selecting recipients is confidential and is the property of MAYFL and is not subject to disclosure.

***Q. How are judges selected?***

A. Judges may be selected through a variety of means as deemed appropriate by MAYFL. Judges will have no affiliation with MAYFL other than to evaluate and score the applications submitted by the applicants.

***Q. Can multiple family members submit an application during the same period?***

A. Yes. Members of the same family may make application as long as each applicant is in his or her senior year of high school and meets all other established program criteria for submitting an application.

***Q. Can parts of the application be submitted at different times as long as all information is in by the deadline?***

A. No. All information to be considered as part of the application **MUST** be submitted together. Information received with the application will be considered the entire submission and will be evaluated solely on that information.

***Q. Can part of the information be submitted by FAX and part submitted through the mail?***

A. No, all information to be considered **MUST BE MAILED** together with the application as one package postmarked by the date specified by MAYFL. Faxes and electronic submissions will not be accepted. Priority Mail delivery confirmation is recommended.

***Q. Will scholarships be payable to the applicant if career plans change and the applicant does not enter an accredited institution as defined in the program?***

A. No. Scholarships will not be payable to individuals. The scholarships are designed to assist scholarship recipients with expenses associated with school tuition, required registration and other fees and will be directed to the institution indicated by the scholarship winner.