

THE 2023 - MONTCLAIR LIONS CLUB ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility: To qualify for this scholarship, students must live in the 22025/22026 zip code or be a member of the Montclair Leo Club, sponsored by the Montclair Lions, while attending a Prince William County High School (Public, Private or Home School).

Introduction: The Montclair Lions award one or more scholarships each year to graduating seniors preparing to pursue higher education. These students must have demonstrated leadership, academic achievement, and community support. Scholarship amounts vary based on funds raised during the year of award, but generally average \$1000 per scholarship.

Electronic (Digital) Applications and supporting documentation are due by 1 May, 2023.

Applications must be reviewed and signed by guidance counselors prior to submit.

Selection Criteria: Scholarship(s) will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Completeness of application and details provided (5pts).
- Details of accomplishments and leadership activity as presented in a list (10pts).
- Discussion of development and application of leadership skills and knowledge and how they benefit others in school, church and the community at large, as documented in a student prepared essay of not more than 400 words (60pts).
- Validation of knowledge, skills, and abilities that support and improve the community as documented by at least two letters of recommendation from adults involved in the student's classes, extracurricular activities, service projects and or events (10pts).
- Academic achievement as verified by school transcripts showing a high school cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4 point scale (10pts).
- An indication of likely success in post-secondary education as verified by at least one letter of acceptance to a two or four year college (5pts).
- In addition, if an applicant feels that financial hardship should be considered, details of the hardship must be provided with the application.

History and Background: This scholarship(s) recognizes leadership, scholastic aptitude, and community service in keeping with the key objectives of Lions, one of the largest service organizations in the world. The mission of Lions is to promote good citizenship and support the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the local community. Lions achieve this mission by volunteering our time and resources and partnering with other organizations to improve health and well-being of individuals, strengthen our local community, and support those in need through our humanitarian services.

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The Application Process: Students must Email an “Intent to Apply” by April 1, 2023 containing a simple statement, such as: “I intend to apply for the Montclair Lions Club Scholarship”. This Email shall provide their name, the name of their school, and contact information for themselves and their school counselor.

Please Email intent to: **montclairlion246@gmail.com**

Students must then compile and Email their final application materials to the above address by **May 1, 2023.** Applications may be provided in either MS Word, PDF Format or a combination.

Application must be reviewed with parents and individual Guidance Counselors, as required, in advance to meet the deadline for submission.

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered.

At the close of the application period, all complete applications will be evaluated by the Montclair Lions Club Scholarship Committee and ranked according to the Selection Criteria. The top applicants may then be interviewed by the Committee if necessary. The winner(s) will be notified by the awards committee once the selection process has been completed.

Instructions:

- 1) The student must submit a complete application via Email by May 1, 2023, to **montclairlion246@gmail.com** documenting their name, address, school attended (or statement of being home schooled) and contact data for their school guidance counselor.
- 2) The application must include a detailed listing of accomplishments and estimate time spent in extracurricular events that documents their leadership skills in school, church, sports, community service projects and events.
- 3) The student must demonstrate their understanding of leadership and continued learning via an essay of not more than 400 words. The essay should discuss their motivation for leading a service project or wanting to lead one, and why providing community service at the high school level and afterwards is important to them and those around them.
- 4) The student must demonstrate an above average academic record by providing a copy of their high school transcripts showing a high school cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4 point scale.
- 5) The student must demonstrate a high likelihood of success in post-secondary education as verified by at least one letter of acceptance to a two or four year college.

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6) The student must provide copies of at least two letters of recommendation, preferably from an individual involved in some aspect of their community service involvement (e.g. faculty/advisor of a school club, community organization or church group). Alternatively, a letter of recommendation could be from someone who benefited from the student's community service involvement.

Instruction to Parents and Guidance Counselor:

Please review the student's information requested above for all requested documents and ensure a copy of the student's academic transcripts, including SAT scores if applicable are provided.

Who are the Montclair Lions:

The Montclair Lions are a 501(c)3 charitable organization focused on providing service and support to our local community. The Montclair Lions raise and donate funds to local charities and volunteer our time to help a variety of charitable organizations including Habitat for Humanity, ACTS, Dumfries-Triangle Volunteer Fire Department, Hilda Barg Homeless Shelter, and Virginia Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinics. We host a semi-annual Drug-Take-Back Day, and participate annually in the Quantico Christmas Wreath laying. We are also a major supporter of sight and hearing screenings at local Prince William County schools, and we collect and recycle used glasses for distribution overseas.

In addition, we sponsor and provide financial support to the Virginia Diabetes Youth Camps, Vision Walk, the Leader Dog Program, Old Dominion Eye Foundation, Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) Sight First Program, Northern Virginia Sight & Hearing Van, Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Lions Hearing Aid Bank Foundation, Special Olympics, Youth for Tomorrow, DTQ Little League.

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Basic Application Requirements:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ . State _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No. _____

Email Address: _____

Senior High School being attended: _____

GPA and SAT Scores (if taken): _____

College where student has been accepted: _____

Email Address for School Counselor: _____

A statement of financial need (if applicable): _____

Signatures of Applicant and Parent/Guidance Counselor attesting all information provided is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge.

In addition, each application shall include the following attachments:

1. A list of extracurricular activities including community service activities performed/supported. Please describe the activities, approximate time spent in each, and any services provided. Include name and telephone number of a contact person for each activity,
2. An original essay on some aspect of leadership and how it benefits the community. This essay can discuss projects the student has led or proposes to lead, who it benefits and why it is important, especially at the High School level. Essays shall not be more than 400 words.
3. A list of Honors or Distinctions achieved in school, work and or service,
4. A copy of High Schools transcripts documenting academic standing,
5. A minimum of two letters of recommendation preferably from:
 - a. A teacher in a class the student is currently enrolled in,
 - b. A guidance counselor, and or
 - c. An individual involved in their extracurricular activities or community service projects (coach, advisor, minister, etc.)
6. A copy of an acceptance letter to either a 2 or 4 year accredited higher educational program.
7. A statement of financial need, if applicable signed by a parent or guidance counselor.

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