

2007 McClymonds Merit Award

Scholarship Application

The McClymonds Merit Award seeks to ensure that no graduate of McClymonds Educational Complex is blocked from further education by financial hardship, and that McClymonds graduates are well prepared for education beyond high school.

WHAT: Scholarships to help you extend your education beyond high school.

WHO: Seniors graduating from McClymonds High School in spring 2007 who are accepted for further education in a two-year or four-year college or an accredited trade school.

WHEN: Applications are due **by 4:00 p.m. April 18, 2007** to Ms. Rhynes in room 224 of the McClymonds Educational Complex. **Complete application packets** will be forwarded to the Merit Award Advisory Board for Review.

The Merit Awards Advisory Board
will interview all eligible applicants
on Tuesday, April 24th and Wednesday, April 25th
in the McClymonds Educational Complex Library.
Please sign up for an interview appointment
when you turn in your application.

WHY? So you can live your dream.

Dear McClymonds Senior,

You are invited to apply for a **McClymonds Merit Award**. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to reward you for your hard work in academics and community service, and to make it easier for you to continue your education after high school.

Please make sure you read the entire application and note all requirements for this award. You are required to attend a personal interview. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

To be eligible for the scholarship you must:

1. Have at least a 2.0 grade-point average. *Please submit a copy of your high school transcript.*
2. Be accepted into a **four-year college** or applying to a **two-year college** or an **accredited trade school**. *Please submit a copy of your letter of acceptance for a four-year college or a copy of your completed application for community college or trade school.*
3. Need financial aid in order to go to the school of your choice.
 - a. *Please submit a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR), sent to you by the Department of Education after you submitted your FAFSA form. To be considered for this scholarship, you MUST have this report. Please submit the entire report, including the page with your EFC (Estimated Family Contribution).*
 - b. *You must also submit any financial aid award letters you have received from the colleges you applied to.*
4. Have completed at least **100 hours of community service in four years of high school**. *Please include a copy of your community service certification document.*
5. Have the recommendation of two educators (teachers, counselors, faculty members) or community members not related to you.
6. Write a personal statement. What are your plans for your education and career? Why do you want to go to college or trade school? What are your plans to “give back to Mac” in future community service? What would you like the committee to know about your financial need or why you should be considered for this award?
 - a) *Please submit a personal statement no shorter than a half page and no longer than two pages.*
 - b) *Also, please select and submit one paragraph from this statement that you feel is the most important statement about you and your dreams.*

- c) *In accordance with our Excellence in Writing policy, we require you to proofread, revise, and ask an English teacher or your counselor to sign your final draft of your personal statement.*

7. Requirements for McClymonds Scholarship Interviews:

Students will use spell check and grammar check to assure their statements are correct. Students will have their statements approved by an English teacher or counselor only. Students will be encouraged to wear clothing appropriate for a business interview: no jeans, no midriff blouses, no do rags (unless required by religious affiliation). **No late applications will be accepted.**

Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, promise of success, and commitment to community service. Decisions of the scholarship committee are final.

All completed applications are due Wednesday, April 18th, 2007 no later than 4:00 p.m. in Ms. Rhynes room 224. ABSOLUTELY NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

Good luck and congratulations on your coming graduation!

Dates:

McClymonds Merit Scholarship Awards Interviews:

Scheduled dates:

Tuesday, April 24th and Wednesday April 25th

from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

in the McClymonds Educational Complex Library.

A meeting of all Merit Scholarship recipients is required before school is adjourned. Students will meet with the Scholarship representatives who will explain the process for receiving Merit Award Scholarships. (tba)

The McClymonds Merit Award Scholarship Ceremony

Will be held on Saturday, June 2nd

from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

A luncheon will precede the Merit Awards Ceremony

Location: McClymonds Educational Complex Auditorium.

McCLYMONDS MERIT AWARD APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone # _____

School **BEST** or **EXCEL**: Circle One

Address _____

Month and Year graduating from McClymonds _____

Current GPA _____

College or trade school you plan to attend (If you're considering more than one, list all your are considering)

Certified hours of Community Service in high school career _____

Name and phone # of your two references (school faculty or community members)

1. Name _____ Phone # _____

2. Name _____ Phone # _____

Application Check List

Please be sure the following items are included in your application

_____ *Transcript*

_____ *Community Service Certification*

_____ *Completed recommendation forms*

_____ *Letter or acceptance from 4-year college or
Copy of completed application to community college or trade school*

_____ *Copy of your financial aid award letters, if any*

_____ *Statement detailing additional costs of your chosen school, and your plan for meeting expenses*

_____ *Copy of the Student Aid Report sent to you by the U.S. Department of Education (after you submitted a FAFSA form (Your personal statement)*

_____ *Your Personal Statement or Autobiographical Essay-Signed by an English Teacher or Counselor*

**McClymonds Educational Complex High
School Merit Award Recommendation Form**

Dear McClymonds Faculty or Community Member:

The student named below has asked for your recommendation for a scholarship to be given from a fund established at the McClymonds Educational Complex for college-bound graduating high school seniors. The scholarships are intended to encourage post-secondary education and community service, especially "giving back" to McClymonds by its alumni. We thank you for your participation in this process.

You may return the form directly to the student or mail it to:

**McClymonds Merit Award Community Board
2507 Myrtle Street
Oakland, California 94607**

If you mail the recommendation, be sure to send it to the attention of the applicant's counselor (Kim Neal/ EXCEL) or Valerie Thompson/ BEST or to Ms. Marsha Rhynes

It must be received in the McClymonds office for placement in the student's file by April 16, 2007.

Name of student _____

Name of person writing this recommendation _____

Address: _____

How long have you known this student? _____

In what capacity? _____

What qualities do you see in this student that indicates a promise of success in her or his future plans? _____

How would you characterize this student's commitment to community service? How likely do you think this student is to "give back" to the McClymonds school community in the future?

What else do you think the Scholarship Committee should know about this student in considering him or her for this award? You are welcome to attach additional sheets.

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