



The ML by Maria Luisa Scholarship

The ML by Maria Luisa Scholarship recognizes Rockland County high school female seniors who have demonstrated a desire to learn and foster principals of civic and community involvement, issues around social justice, inequality, and related interests supporting Fair Trade and Eco-friendly principles. Each year a \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a promising Rockland County high school female senior, in need of financial aid, to assist with costs in attending a college of her choice.

To be considered for the **ML by Maria Luisa Scholarship** applicants must attend a public, private or parochial school within Rockland County. Well rounded high school seniors that demonstrate a significant commitment of volunteer service to our community are encouraged to apply.

Awarding of the **ML by Maria Luisa Scholarship** is contingent on several criteria including enrollment in a two- or four-year accredited college program in the U.S., a complete application, evidence of financial need, and the availability of Foundation funds. Scholarship recipients are expected to use their resources wisely and uphold a high standard of conduct.

The **ML by Maria Luisa Scholarship** award is an outright grant. Although recipients are under no obligation to make repayment, it is hoped that once graduated and engaged in a productive career they will help honor the spirit of this scholarship to give future students a similar financial opportunity.

How to Apply:

The Rockland Community Foundation has transitioned to an online application process. Applications can either be completed using the fillable pdf format, or printed out, completed, and then scanned. ALL required attachments, except letters of recommendation, must be submitted at the same time your application is submitted. DO NOT send materials separately. Only those applications filed online will be given consideration.

Your complete application, including all attachments, must be sent via email to info@rocklandgives.org with the name of the scholarship in the Subject line of your email. Deadline for filing is APRIL 17, 2015. Letters of recommendation, if being sent by mail, must be postmarked no later than April 17, 2015. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Your application will be reviewed by a committee comprised of members of the Rockland Community Foundation and the scholarship fund owner. Selections will be based on a student's commitment to service to our community, demonstration of leadership skills, financial need, overall academic progress and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Finalists may be contacted for an interview. Students will be notified by email of any scholarship award or denial on or before **June 1, 2015**.

Application Requirements:

- Completed application – **emailed with required attachments by April 17, 2015**
- Minimum 3.00 GPA and a combined minimum 1400 SAT or 19 ACT score
- High school transcript and SAT/ACT scores from the College Board
- A typed resume detailing your extra-curricular experience; an emphasis in community service and social justice is required.
- A brief (one paragraph maximum) description of planned area of study and career goals – typed
- **An essay must accompany your application.** It must be typed, double spaced using 12 point Times New Roman font and should be no more two pages long.
- Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) most recent tax return (first two pages only-IRS form 1040)
- Two letters of reference. Letters should be mailed **directly** to:

Rockland Community Foundation
ML by Maria Luisa Scholarship
P.O. Box 323
New City, NY 10956

**An interview may be scheduled after application is reviewed.*

Remember! Keep a copy of your application for your records.

Questions? Call 845-947-2868 or email info@rocklandgives.org

Email your completed application and all scanned attachments to info@rocklandgives.org

APPLICATION

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Sex _____ Birthplace _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

High School: _____ Graduation date: _____

College attending (if already known) _____

RESOURCES

Scholarships/Grants:	Confirmed	Renewable	Amount
Loans:	Confirmed	Renewable	Amount
Other income			Amount
TOTAL RESOURCES			
Anticipated Expenses			Amount
Tuition			
Room & board			
Books, fees, etc.			
TOTAL EXPENSES			
LESS RESOURCES			
ESTIMATED SHORTFALL			

Financial information of Parents/Guardians

Father/Guardian _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Work/Cell _____

Employer _____

Total annual gross income \$ _____

Mother/Guardian _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Work/Cell _____

Employer _____

Total annual gross income \$ _____

_____ Residence owned - monthly mortgage \$ _____ approximate value \$ _____

_____ Residence rented - monthly rental \$ _____

Total value of all assets including savings, securities, business interests, investments and other real estate \$ _____

Are there any other children in the family attending college at this time?

Name	Age	School

PLEASE ATTACH THE FIRST 2 PAGES OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS MOST RECENT TAX RETURN (FORM 1040)

References

It is the applicant's responsibility to ask **two references** to submit a short letter **DIRECTLY** to the Rockland Community Foundation giving their opinion of the applicant's character, strengths, weaknesses and abilities and any other information that would help in the reviewing process.

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Certification and Permissions

Please Read and Sign

I hereby affirm that the information contained herein is true and correct. I hereby grant permission to the Rockland Community Foundation to verify such information and to release information to the donor or potential donor of the **ML by Maria Luisa Scholarship**.

I understand that receipt of this scholarship grant is contingent on several criteria including enrollment in either a college or vocational program leading to a career in the field of fire and emergency services, a complete application, evidence of financial need and the availability of Foundation funds. Falsification of any information or failure to meet these requirements will result in the termination of my scholarship and I will be obligated to return any grant monies already received.

I hereby grant and assign the **Rockland Community Foundation** the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use my biographical information and image to publicize my nomination and/or receipt of this scholarship award for editorial, trade, advertising or any other purpose and in any manner and medium, including website and internet promotion.

I also consent to have a copy of my application and all supporting materials retained indefinitely by the **Rockland Community Foundation**.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application must be emailed by April 17, 2015

The ML by Maria Luisa Scholarship - Essay

Completion of this essay is a required component for consideration of your scholarship application.

Share Your Story!

Construct an essay that touches on the following points. Your answers will help us determine which student best embodies the spirit of the ML by Maria Luisa Scholarship.

- How do you reflect the principles of civic and community involvement? Please share how you, personally, have been active in issues related to social justice and equality, and also, how your related interests show both a true understanding and support of Fair Trade and eco-friendly principles. Please include where you have actively become affiliated with specific organizations through volunteer work or other hand-on or grassroots participation within your community or beyond.*
- Is being active on these causes you have mentioned an important part of you? While not doing it for recognition, are these causes such a part of you that people, when describing you, mention this facet of you and your personality?*
- Please share how you think your advanced education will help you further develop your understanding of and participation in these causes.*