



## 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](mailto:info@rocklandgives.org) with the name of the scholarship in the Subject line of your email. Deadline for filing is April 1, 2016. Letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2016. 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 **April 30, 2016**.

**Application Requirements:**

- Completed application – **emailed with required attachments by April 1, 2016**
- 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](mailto:info@rocklandgives.org)

**Email your completed application and all scanned attachments to [info@rocklandgives.org](mailto:info@rocklandgives.org) by April 1, 2016**

# APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

College attending (if already known) \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOURCES

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

**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.

**These letters should be sent to:**

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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, 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 1, 2016**

## **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.*