



## **ML by Maria Luisa Scholarship**

**The ML by Maria Luisa Scholarship** recognizes Rockland County high school female seniors who, through their actions or beliefs, embrace the principals of ML by Maria Luisa: civic and community involvement, commitment to social justice, social equality, and environment/eco-friendly lifestyles. This year, two \$1000.00 scholarships will be awarded: one to a promising female senior attending a private or public Rockland County high school (must be a Rockland County resident), and one to a promising female senior attending Nyack High School, to assist with costs in attending a college of their choice. Well-rounded students who 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. and a complete application. 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 RCFscholarships@gmail.com with the name of the scholarship in the Subject line of your email. Deadline for filing is April 10, 2017. Letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than April 10, 2017. 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 holder. 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 **May 4, 2017**.

**Application Requirements:**

- Completed application – **emailed with required attachments by April 10, 2017**
- Current high school transcript showing a minimum GPA of 2.8
- A paragraph detailing your extra-curricular experience; an emphasis in community service and social justice is encouraged but not required.
- A brief (one paragraph maximum) description of planned area of study and career goals
- **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.
- 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

***Remember! Keep a copy of your application for your records.***  
Questions? Call 845-947-2868 or email [RCFscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:RCFscholarships@gmail.com)

**Email your completed application and all scanned attachments to [RCFscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:RCFscholarships@gmail.com)  
by April 10, 2017**

**APPLICATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name	Age	School

**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:** Rockland Community Foundation  
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**Essay**

**ML by Maria Luisa** embraces the principals of: civic and community involvement, commitment to social justice, social equality, and environment/eco-friendly lifestyles.

Please craft one essay based upon two (2) of the following topics below:

1. Using a specific example, discuss an event, an activity, or a personal experience that changed how you view one (1) or more of these principles.
2. Discuss how volunteerism, community involvement, and/or education has played a part in fostering a commitment to one (1) or more of these principles.
3. Are one (1) or more of these principles a part of what makes you who you are, and if so, how?
4. Please share how you believe your advanced education will help you further develop your understanding of and participation in one (1) or more of these causes.

**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 an accredited two- or four-year college. 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 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 10, 2017**