



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 woman who is a senior attending a private or public Rockland County high school (must be a Rockland County resident), and one to a promising woman who is a senior attending Nyack High School, to assist with costs in attending a college of their choice. Candidates who identify as women will be considered regardless of sex assigned at birth. 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 March 16, 2018. Letters of recommendation must be postmarked no later than March 16, 2018. 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 1, 2018**.

Application Requirements:

- Completed application – **emailed with required attachments by March 16, 2018**
- 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

Email your completed application and all scanned attachments to RCFscholarships@gmail.com by March 16, 2018

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: _____

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