



ShopInUSCities.com - Scholarship Application

Please print.

A separate application must be completed for each child.

Name of Student	Last	First	Middle	Date of Birth
Name of Father	Last	First	Middle	Student's Social Security No.
Name of Mother	Last	First	Middle	
Email address of registering parent:				
Student's Address	Street	City	State	Zip
Father's Address if different	Street	City	State	Zip
Mother's Address if different	Street	City	State	Zip
Telephone registering parent	Home	Cell	Work	

School (elementary, middle, high school, or college)	Grade
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Do you have a 529 College Savings Plan?	Yes	No
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Signature of Parent

Date

Print Full Name

Signature of Participating Merchant and Business Name

Please name 10 things that we can do to improve the community.

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Scholarship Rules

Participation in our program is very simple by design. If you are a resident of Laurel and a member of our community email list, your children are eligible to apply for the scholarship program. If you are not a member of our email list at the time you apply that's okay. Submitting an application automatically adds you to the list. You must however confirm your subscription to the list when you receive the confirmation email, in order to be eligible for scholarship consideration.

We have prepared a short online video that explains how the program works. You can view the video by visiting the website for your city, and clicking on the link for "Scholarship Program".

Some of the things not covered in the video are explained below:

- 1) Our scholarship program is neither need nor merit based. Everyone in our community who is a member of our community email list, and a resident in the applicable city is eligible on an equal basis. We do make every effort to distribute scholarships throughout the entire community equally, so that no one school, community, or sector of your city is favored. Our ability to do that is obviously influenced by the number of applications we get and where the applicants are located within your city.
- 2) Scholarships are funded primarily through Section 529 college savings plans. We say primarily because, college bound students in their senior years would not benefit from setting up a college savings plan, so we would make either a one time award to them, or provide an annual payment for each year they are in college.
- 3) If you are selected and you already have a college savings plan contributions from us will be made directly to your plan. If you do not have a plan we will provide you with a list of professionals who can assist you to set one up at no cost to you.
- 4) If you leave the city where you were living at the time the scholarship award was made you may reapply in your new city, assuming the program operates there, but there is no guarantee you will be re-selected.
- 5) You are responsible for assuring that the scholarship proceeds are used for a permissible expense. In the event scholarship proceeds are used for anything other than a permissible expense, you will be responsible for any penalties or taxes that may be due on those proceeds.
- 6) As part of completing the application you must provide us with a list of 10 things we can do to improve the community. List them in the order of importance to you. Please involve the student applicant in this process to the extent possible.

If you have any questions about the program that are not answered by our video, our online resources, or these rules, please give us a call and we will be happy to answer them for you. **Return your completed application to us at ShopInUSCities.com, 373 Main Street, Suite C, Laurel, Maryland, 20707.**

Thank you for participating in the ShopInUSCities.com Merchant Scholarship Fund.