



**Southern Maryland Chain (MD) Chapter
The Links, Incorporated**

2023 Scholarship Application Packet

Application Deadline: March 24, 2022

For additional information, contact
Scholarship Committee
scholarshipsomdcclinks@gmail.com



Dear Scholarship Applicant:

The Southern Maryland Chain (MD) Chapter will be awarding nine academic scholarships \$500.00 each, to graduating high school seniors who reside in Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties. Each graduating senior must plan to attend a College or University on a full-time basis in the year of graduation. Children of the Southern Maryland Chain (MD) Chapter members are not eligible to apply.

Scholarships will be awarded for academic achievement, high school activities (past school year), and the applicant's ability to effectively articulate thoughts and ideas both orally and in writing. If selected, the candidate will be required to attend a zoom interview during the week of **April 17-21, 2023**. All Scholarship Recipients will be notified by **May 8, 2023**.

The following application process must be signed, scanned, and returned to Southern Maryland Chain (MD) Chapter by email to: scholarshipsomdcclinks@gmail.com:

1. A completed computer generated or typed application. The applicant must sign the application.

2. Two (2) signed letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should include at least one (1) scholastic recommendation from a school official/faculty member on official letterhead and one (1) character letter of recommendation from a civic leader, coach, community leader, or professional in the community. All letters should be typed, addressed to Southern Maryland Chain Scholarship Committee, and include the following information:

- Name and occupation of reference
- Name of the applicant and relationship
- Length of time that the reference has known the applicant
- Detailed description regarding why the applicant should be awarded the scholarship

3. An official high school transcript with the registrar's signature stamped across the seal.

4. Verification of acceptance and confirmation for admission into a College or University on a full-time basis in the year of graduation.

5. A minimum 2 ½" by 3 ½" wallet size school photograph (.jpeg or .png) (school ID photos and passport photos will not be accepted). Pictures will not be returned.



6. A **500-word maximum** essay on the following topic. The essay must be computer generated or typed, double space, single side, on 8 ½" x 11" paper. The applicant's name and address should be in the upper right-hand corner of the first page.

In 500 words explain, what are your career plans after graduation? Why did you choose this path; who, if anyone has inspired you; and how will you give back to your community upon accomplishing your goals?

All applications and supporting documentation must be emailed to:
scholarshipsomdcclinks@gmail.com

Student applications will be reviewed for completeness. After the initial review, selected applicants will be notified via email and/or phone call and will be required to attend a zoom interview with the scholarship committee.

All materials become the property of Southern Maryland Chain (MD) Chapter.

Zoom interviews are scheduled for the week of April 17-21, 2023.

Applications must be received by March 24, 2023.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AS WELL AS APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Gray
President

Patricia Pie
Scholarship Chairman



2023 Scholarship Application

Name: (Last)	(First)	(Middle)
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Home/Cell Number:		
Date of Birth:		Email Address:
Name of High School:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone:	School Counselor's Name:	Email Address:
Acceptance into a College or University institution of higher learning? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
List the institutions to which you have been accepted:		
If you have been accepted at more than one institution, which will you most likely attend?		
Major/Field of Study:		
Extra-curricular & other School Activities:		
Awards and Honors:		
Community Activities and Services:		

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary, must be computer generated)



My signature indicates that I am attesting to the accuracy of the information provided in this scholarship application. I also understand that the scholarship will be applied towards tuition, fees, books, equipment, and supplies only.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

If there are any questions concerning the application, please feel free to forward your questions to scholarshipsomdcclinks@gmail.com.

All applications must be received **by March 24, 2023**.

Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline will disqualify the applicant.

PUBLICITY AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

I/We, _____, as the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of _____, give permission to Southern Maryland Chain (MD) Chapter to use my son's/daughter's photograph that was provided in the scholarship application package for publicity purposes.

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DISCLAIMER

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AGREEMENT FOR DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Scholarships will be awarded upon verification of enrollment from your student's college or university. Verification of enrollment requires documentation from the institution's registrar. The registrar's signature and the institutions' official seal are required.

Verification of enrollment should be sent to scholarshipsomdcclinks@gmail.com. **It is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient to request the verification of enrollment from the registrar no later than August 10, 2023.**

I, _____, acknowledge and understand that the
(Parent/Guardian Name Printed)

scholarship award will be disbursed in a lump sum payment directly to the scholarship.

recipient, _____, upon providing verification of enrollment.
(Student Name)

as outlined in this agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date