Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Scholarship Program

Program Description & Application

This form must be returned in its entirety.

Student deadline for submitting application to CAP Adviser or designee is Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

School deadline to submit winning application to: Diana Venturini  
1450 NE 2nd Avenue, Room 776  
Miami, FL 33132  

March 16, 2011
The Program and Its Purpose

The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Scholarship Program (MDCF&E) was created to recognize and honor the youth of Miami for their dedication to scholarship and for demonstrating a strong sense of commitment to voluntary participation in school and community activities. This scholarship program reaffirms the Fair's commitment to education and is its way of thanking the loyal Fair patrons who visit annually and help make the Fair successful.

Administration of the Program

The scholarship program is independently managed by the Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition (MDCF&E) and Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). M-DCPS College Assistance Program (CAP) offices receive, process, evaluate and recommend applicants. All information and academic records submitted in the application process are kept in strict confidence and retained by M-DCPS and MDCF&E.

Conditions of Eligibility

Applicants must be United States citizens or eligible non-citizens, Miami-Dade County graduating high school seniors with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and planning to attend an accredited college, university, or M-DCPS certified adult/vocational school. You may only be a recipient/winner of a scholarship once. Employees of the Fair, and their dependents, are ineligible.

The Application Procedure

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements:
1. Complete the application
2. Secure a current high school transcript
3. Obtain 2 faculty (or 1 faculty and 1 community-service related) recommendations
4. Return all application materials together to: Student Service Chair or designee at their school by: March 2, 2011

Schools must submit winning application to:
Diana Venturini
1450 NE 2nd Avenue, Room 776
Miami, FL 33132
or W/L #9619
by March 16, 2011

The Selection Process

MDCF&E and M-DCPS are responsible for selecting the recipients. The determinations will be made using the applicants' abilities to demonstrate dedication to scholarship; their participation and excellence in school and community activities; 2 recommendations; and the students' personal statements defining goals and exhibiting energy and dedication to a plan. Awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, sex, religion, or national origin. Financial need is not a factor.

The Academic Awards

The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Scholarship Program awards $1,000 scholarship annually to students.

Announcement and Distribution of Awards

Recipients will be notified in March 2011. An award ceremony honoring all recipients will be held April 2011. All award payments are made payable to the recipient pending receipt of an enrollment confirmation containing the official seal of the registrar from the adult/vocational certified program, college or university.

Scholarship checks will be awarded beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. After award period due date of June 30, 2012; scholarships are forfeited.

Responsibilities of the Applicants

Applicants to the MDCF&E Scholarship Program should remember that it is their sole responsibility to:
1. Gather and submit all information necessary for MDCF&E and M-DCPS to select the recipients
2. Ensure that all materials are returned to the school's CAP office no later than March 2, 2011.

For Additional Information

Contact: Ms. Diana Venturini, Director, Office of Community Services, at 305-995-1367.
The Miami-Dade County Fair & Exposition Scholarship Program

1. Please print or type all information. Do not forget your social security number!
2. If space provided is inadequate, please attach additional papers to the application.
3. School, community, and work experience relating solely to the last two years.
4. All data you submit in support of this application becomes the property MDCF&E.

**APPLICANT DATA:**

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Provide this information only if it is different from the applicant's home address

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**COLLEGE DATA:**

High school seniors please list the school(s) where they have applied.

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Expected major ______________________________

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

- Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements and submit:
  - An official transcript of grades
  - Two recommendations
**SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:** Please list all school and community activities (for the last 2 years).

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**WORK EXPERIENCE:** Please list all work experience, part- and full-time (for the last 2 years).

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**STATEMENT OF GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS:** Please use this space to write a statement that reflects your dedication to scholarship and your participation and excellence in both school and community activities. Additionally, state why you wish to continue your education; define your goals and a plan for achievement.

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The signatures below affirm that all the information provided in this application, and supporting documents, is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. If requested, we will provide proof. Failure to provide this proof shall invalidate this application and result in termination of any aid granted.

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<th>Signature of applicant</th>
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Your request becomes valid ONLY when this application & all supporting documents are submitted to:

CAP Adviser or designee at your school site by Wednesday, March 2, 2011.

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