

MICHIGAN LAMA ASSOCIATION

**KATHY LARSON
LAUREL ZECHLINSKI
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarship Application Packet

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General Application Guidelines

- Remember to complete all information requested. If a question does not apply to you, please write in N/A (meaning not applicable).

Submit the application and accompanying documents by **May 31, 2012** to
MLA Kathy Larson/Laurel Zechlinski Scholarships
% Bruce & Carol Onweller
10591 Corcoran Road
Haslett MI 48840

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process please contact:
Bruce or Carol Onweller at 517-339-1961 or e-mail: onwellerfamily@aol.com.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

In fall of 2003, the MLA board approved the development of an annual scholarship program. The intent of this award is to help members and their families offset a portion of educational expenses for vocational and academic training beyond high school. This program is funded through the Lamafest silent auction and will be administered by the MLA board or its appointed agency. The Laurel Zechlinski Memorial Scholarship is funded by Ron Zechlinski.

The scholarships consists of (2) \$1,000.00 stipend given to the student(s) chosen by a selection committee determined by the MLA board. It will be presented at the spring membership meeting or in conjunction with the Michigan Lamafest Show.

Once awarded, the scholarship would be renewable by application for any years a student attends an institution granting skill certification, associated, undergraduate or graduate degrees. A student would be eligible to renew the scholarship a maximum of two times during his/her academic career.

The number of scholarship awards and/or renewals will be determined annually. This determination will be made by the board or its appointed agency based on the funds available, the number of applicants and the selection process.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

1. Currently is a member of MLA or the child of an MLA member family.
2. Currently be attending High School, or an accredited Trade/Technical School, Junior College or University.
3. Carry a minimum of 12 semester hours or 10 term hours in an accredited Trade/Technical School, Junior College or University
4. Hold a minimum 2.7 grade point for a 7 semester cumulative average in high school or a 3.0 cumulative average in an accredited Trade/Technical School, Junior College or University.
5. Demonstrate good citizenship qualities in school and community.
6. Complete the application requirements within the established time lines.

SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

The MLA board or its appointed agency will select four (4) MLA members not affiliated with any applicant(s) to form a selection committee. Committee members will review each application on a point basis. Total points from the committee members will be averaged to determine an applicant's ranking in the evaluation process. Final selection of the winner(s) will be based on the ranking averages.

Selection will be made by evaluating each initial application on a 100 point scale:

- 40 points academic performance based on an official transcript from high school or current transcript from an accredited post high school institution.
- 10 points extra-curricular activities and community involvements including MLA related activities.
- 20 points personal essay
- 10 points academic recommendation
- 10 points MLA member recommendation
- 10 points overall impression and need

Selection for renewal will be made by evaluating each application on a 60 point scale:

- 40 points academic performance based on official transcripts(s) from the academic institution the student is currently attending or has attended. Transcripts must include information for at least 2 consecutive semesters or 3 consecutive terms
- 20 points personal essay
- If competing with initial applicants, the renewal score will be proportional to the 100 point scale used for initial applicants.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

May 31, 2012

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ M.I.: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____ Apt#: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father/Stepfather/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ Apt # _____

City: _____ State/Zip _____

Home Phone Number: _____ E- mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ Apt # _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Place of Employment: _____

List the names(s) and ages of siblings living in the same household.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- Graduating seniors must include an official high school transcript which includes ACT Scores and Class Rank. The transcript must include 7 consecutive semesters.
- Graduating seniors must include a copy of the letter of acceptance from the school he/she plans to attend.
- Initial applicants currently enrolled in a Trade/Technical School, Junior College or University must include a current transcript from the institution. A high school transcript is not necessary.
- Renewal applicants must include an official transcript from the Trade/Technical Junior Colleges and or Universities he/she has attended.

Name of school you plan to attend: _____

Is this a ____ public ____ private institution

Do you expect to be a _____ full time or _____ part time student in the coming year?

Anticipate or declared field of study: _____ Undecided: _____

What influenced your decision to pursue this field?

What other scholarships (with amounts) have you received already for next year?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

What other scholarships have you applied for?

WORK EXPERIENCE

Please describe any paid work experience (including self employment) you have had. Include summer employment, as well as employment during the school year. Start with your most recent experience.

Employer	Nature of Work	Dates

ASPIRATIONS & GOALS

Initial applicants must submit an essay that address each question/Subject listed below. Your total response should be no shorter than 500 or longer than 800 words.

1. Information about your involvement with lamas or your family's involvement with lamas.
2. Your personal and career goals based on the field of study you have chosen.
3. How you would use this scholarship to further your education.
4. Any additional information or factors not included on the application you believe should be considered by the committee reviewing your application.

Renewal applicants must submit an essay that addresses each question/subject listed below. Your total response should be no shorter than 250 or longer than 500 words.

1. How you used the previous stipend(s) and your current need.
2. Information about your current educational goals.
3. Any additional information or factors not included on the application you believe should be considered by the committee reviewing your application.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Initial applicants must include 2 personal recommendations:

- One personal recommendation from a teacher, employer, clergyman, etc, that includes information about your character, social skills, work ethic and academic or employ-ability potential.
- One personal recommendation from a non-parental MLA member that includes information about your character, social skills, work ethic and involvement with lamas.

Renewal applications are not required to submit recommendations.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby affirm that the information provided on this application form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature

Date

SUBMITTING PROCESS

Graduating high school seniors and initial applicants must submit:

- Completed application form (pages with social security numbers).
- Official high school or college transcript. High school transcripts must include ACT scores and Class Rank.
- Copy of Letter of Acceptance from the school you plan to attend.
- Aspirations and Goals essay.
- 2 Letters of Recommendation.

Renewal applicants must submit:

- Completed application form excluding high school information.
- Official transcript from the Technical/Trade School, Junior college or University you attended.
- Renewal essay.

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