



**MARIETTA HOUSING AUTHORITY  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**High School**

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_ (attach documentation showing graduation date)

What classes have you taken in high school that particularly prepares you for college/technical college?

Are you receiving a College Prep or Tech Prep diploma? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current Grade Point Average? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you take the SAT? Yes No CR\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_\_

Did you take the ACT? Yes No Composite score \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your extracurricular activities and indicate any offices or leadership positions held. This includes clubs, church, community, sports etc. (use extra paper if needed)

Have you received any honors for academics, art, music, sports, community service, etc. while in high school? Please list.

**College/Technical College**

Type of Scholarship you are applying for:

Academic or  Technical/Vocational

Please list the colleges or technical colleges to which you have applied for admission:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted? Yes Pending

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted? Yes Pending

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted? Yes Pending

What is your intended major?

**Required Support Information:**

- **High School Transcript**
- **Typewritten essay explaining which of these four factors motivate you to attend college and why? (Knowledge, Challenge, Recognition, Responsibility/Autonomy).**
- **Copy of SAT/ACT scores**
- **One letter of reference (teacher, employer, minister, or anyone with significant knowledge of the applicant).**

Applications will be considered incomplete if all required documentation is not provided. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Eligibility:**

Current participants in housing assistance administered by the Marietta Housing Authority are eligible to apply.

By Submitting this application, I give the Marietta Housing Authority permission to use my name in matters relating to the promotion of this scholarship.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 28, 2022

Scholarship Applications should be submitted to the Scholarship Committee at  
95 Cole Street, Marietta GA 30060.

### SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Each year the Board of Commissioners for the Marietta Housing Authority will make available scholarships for post-secondary education (excluding post graduate degrees and second undergraduate degrees). The scholarship may be used for any two or four-year program at an accredited college, university, trade, or technical school within the United States. Students must be full time students and meet a level exceeding academic probation to continue receiving funding after the initial award.

To Qualify, applicants must be:

Students from Marietta and Cobb County schools that participant in housing assistance administered by the Marietta Housing Authority will be eligible for an award.

Demonstrate scholastic promise by academic achievement which predicts success in his/her chosen field of study.

Student must be a full-time student.

The applicant must be accepted by an accredited institution of higher education.

Scholarship recipients have 18 months to use scholarships.

The scholarship will be transferred directly to the institution chosen by the student and may be used to pay for tuition, fees, books, room and/or board.

If the combined total of all expenses is less than the amount granted, the remainder must be returned to the Marietta Housing Authority Scholarship fund. Should the recipient withdraw from school or be dismissed for any reason, the balance of the grant must be returned to the Authority.

Once the grant funds are depleted, the applicant is encouraged to apply for additional grants from the Marietta Housing Authority to complete his/her education.

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Scholarship Committee:

Dinah King

Regina Delay, Ph.D.

Saucerae Cameron

Danita Austin

Noel Taylor

## Sample Essay

Dear Scholarship Committee:

If the 18-year-old James would have known and understood the value of higher education the way the now 34-year-old James does, you would have received this letter 16 years ago. Perhaps the passage of 16 years and the experiences contained in them will prove to be an advantage that will make further education of the 34-year-old more fulfilling personally and more beneficial to family, friends and the community.

I am, first a husband and father. Jan, my wife of eight years, and I have two beautiful children—our daughter Sue is six, and our son Josh is three. My marriage and the birth of our children are the most satisfying, inspiring events in my life. Another event, not exactly a positive one at first glance, is one of the reasons you have received this letter.

For nine years I was a journeyman carpenter working for several framing contractors on both residential and commercial projects. My duties included all aspects of framing construction as well as supervisory responsibilities. Then, my life changed drastically. A wall and beam assembly, later estimated to weigh some 3,000 pounds, fell and broke my left leg in several places.

Since this career ending injury, however, more positives than negatives have emerged. Despite long therapy sessions and several follow-up operations, I can honestly say that the worst consequence of breaking my leg was that I broke my leg. The incident has allowed me the opportunity to spend more time with my wife and children and to seek a college education.

Before the accident I was physically active at work, in recreation, and in my participation as a semi-professional baseball player with the San Diego Marlins. At that point I hadn't thought seriously about furthering my education. Because of my injury, I was faced with the realization that I was not indestructible. This revelation, along with much prompting from my wife, encouraged me to view this as a chance for a positive change and a more secure future.

I am the first in my family to attend a university. In the spring of 2006, I enrolled in 18 units at Miramar College. Being a self-motivated, goal-oriented person, I was able to achieve a 4.0 grade point average and a place on the Dean's Honors List. Despite my subsequent operations, I have maintained a 4.0 grade point average after 75 college units. My goal is to earn a bachelor's degree. I selected a Psychology major and Recreation Administration minor to improve myself and my ability to interact and communicate effectively with others.

One of my most time-consuming activities, as well as one of the most rewarding, is my involvement with the San Diego Unitarian Church. My responsibilities as volunteer youth counselor and advisor for our 20 Southern California congregations include planning and promotion of youth trips and activities which include visiting the sick and elderly and various musical performances throughout the year. My new communication skills and the broader view provided by the university experience, will be invaluable in my relationships with these youth and my future career.

This 34-year-old returning student has learned to appreciate the generosity of others. I would be honored and grateful for whatever assistance you are willing to provide. Your investment in me will not only assist me in the accomplishment of my personal goals but will benefit our community. Thank you for