



M.E.L.L.F.I.N.
Maryland ELL Family Involvement Network

MELLFIN 2019 Scholarship Application

The MELLFIN Scholarships are annual scholarship awards for current or former ESOL students in Maryland who are currently seniors in high school and have demonstrated a commitment to attend college. MELLFIN is facilitating multiple scholarship awards to recognize excellence and support students in realizing their college aspirations. The total award for each student recipient will be \$1,000 to help cover costs associated with college attendance.

Additionally, student applicants from Howard County Public Schools will be considered for a St. John United Church Scholarships facilitated in collaboration with MELLFIN.

To learn more about the awards, please visit the MELLFIN website at www.mellfin.org.

Eligible student applicants must:

- currently be enrolled and classified as a senior in Maryland Public Schools
- currently be in an ESOL program or have exited the ESOL program within the past three (3) years
- currently have a GPA of 3.0 or better
- be on track to graduate in Spring 2019

Completed application packets must be postmarked by March 12, 2019 and mailed to:

Jennifer Love, MELLFIN President
Judy Hoyer Family Learning Center, Room 105
8908 Riggs Road, Adelphi, MD 20783

Biographical Questionnaire

Full Legal Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: MD Zip Code:

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

School:

School Address:

What language(s) is/are spoken in your home?

What is your country of origin? _____

Are you a current ESOL student? Yes No

If not currently an ESOL student, at what grade did you exit the program? : _____

School and Community Involvement

List **community service** and **extracurricular activities** in which you participate or have participated during high school.

participated?	Activity	How long have you
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List **awards** and **honors** that you have received.

Aspirations

What colleges or universities have you applied to? Please list all colleges and universities with an application currently on file.

Please tell about a challenge that you have been faced with. How did you overcome this challenge?

(500 words or less)

References

Two completed MELLFIN scholarship reference forms must accompany your application packet.

- 1) One form must be completed by a current or former ESOL teacher.
- 2) The second form must be completed by an administrator, counselor, teacher, coach, or community leader.

Reference forms *must not* be completed by family members or relatives of the scholarship applicant.

COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST:

- Completed MELLFIN Scholarship Application
- Official transcript
- Two completed reference forms

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I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is true and accurate.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____



MELLFIN SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE FORM

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Current School of Applicant: _____

To the Applicant: Complete the top portion of this form and give it to the individuals completing your references. MELLFIN Scholarship applicants are not permitted to view or inspect completed reference forms included in their application packets.

To the Referee: You have been asked by the applicant of a MELLFIN Scholarship to serve as a referee. We would appreciate your answering the following questions regarding the applicant. Please return the completed reference form in an envelope signed across the seal.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

Please assess the applicant's capabilities in the following areas by checking the appropriate box.

Ability to succeed academically in a college setting

Exceptional Good Average Below Average Not Observed

Ability to inspire interest and enthusiasm in others

Exceptional Good Average Below Average Not Observed

Ability to work on a team and solve problems with others

Exceptional Good Average Below Average Not Observed

Ability to remain confident and persistent in the face of adversity, disappointment, or criticism

Exceptional Good Average Below Average Not Observed

Dependability when given a task or assignment

Exceptional Good Average Below Average Not Observed

Additional comments regarding the applicant:

Referee Full Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Organization: _____ Position/Title: _____

Referee Signature: _____ Date: _____



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