

# *The McClymonds Merit Award*

## *So you can live your dream.*

### **2011 McCLYMONDS MERIT AWARD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

*The McClymonds Merit Award seeks to ensure that no graduate of McClymonds Educational Complex is blocked from further education by financial hardship, and that McClymonds graduates are well prepared for education beyond high school.*

This renewable award, established in 2001 by anonymous donors, recognizes academic success, community service, and serves as an incentive to McClymonds graduates to continue their education after high school. To date, the donors have contributed more than half a million dollars directly to McClymonds graduates to support their post high school education.

**WHAT:** Scholarships to help you extend your education beyond high school.

**WHO:** Seniors graduating from McClymonds Educational Complex in spring 2011 who plan further education in a two-year or four-year college or an accredited trade school.

**KEY DEADLINES:**

<b>Thursday, April 7, 5 pm</b>	<b>Complete online registration process</b>
<b>Friday, April 15, 4 pm</b>	<b>Scholarship materials due: Summary Application Personal Statement 1 letter of recommendation Community Service Form Transcript Signed Checklist</b>
<b>May 2 – 6, 4:15 – 7 pm</b>	<b>Personal interviews (you will receive an email confirming your interview time)</b>
<b>May, TBD</b>	<b>Success In College workshop (attendance mandatory)</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 14</b>	<b>Senior Awards Ceremony</b>

# **Application Guidelines and Instructions**

Please make sure you read the entire application and note all requirements for this award.

## **1. ONLINE REGISTRATION**

The link for the online registration can be found at [www.mcclymondshigh.org/merit.html](http://www.mcclymondshigh.org/merit.html). You must provide your basic registration information (name, address, phone, email etc.) by filling out an online form. The email address you register will be used to communicate with you regarding interview schedule, check pick-up procedures, etc. **This step must be completed by April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## **2. APPLICATION PACKET**

You must turn in 6 separate pieces of written material.

### **a) Personal statement (signed by a teacher)**

Use your personal statement to tell the committee some important things about you. You might want to answer some of these questions: What are your plans for your education and career? Why do you want to go to college or trade school? What are your plans to “give back to Mac” in future community service? What would you like the committee to know about your financial need or why you should be considered for this award?

Students will use **spell check and grammar check** to assure their statements are correct.

Your personal statement must be at least ½ page long, and no longer than 1 page (may be single or double-spaced).

*In accordance with our Excellence in Writing policy, we require you to proofread, revise, and ask a teacher to sign your final draft of your personal statement.*

**b) Summary application form** (page 5 of this packet), describing community service and after-graduation

**c) One recommendation letter** (if you have more, choose your strongest)

**d) Official transcript**

**e) Community Service Certification Document**

**f) signed checklist** (page 6 of this packet)

**These six items must be turned in to Dr. Taylor no later than 4 pm on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### **3. PERSONAL INTERVIEW**

You must attend a personal interview during the week of May 2nd. You will receive an email prior to the interview week assigning you to a specific time.

*Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior to your time slot.* Students are encouraged to wear clothing appropriate for an interview. While we encourage students to wear business or casual business attire, *we will interview all eligible candidates.*

The committee may ask questions like the following:

- Explain parts of your personal statement.
- Explain parts of your transcript.
- Go into more detail about your college or career goals.
- Go into more detail about your community service.

***The most important purpose of the interview is to allow the Board to meet you in person. We look forward to meeting you.***

### **4. SUCCESS IN COLLEGE WORKSHOP**

This will be held after school before the end of classes. It will go over material about how to be successful in college, and review procedures for receiving your scholarship checks. Attendance is mandatory. We will send you an email to let you know when it is scheduled.

### **5. MCCLYMONDS SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY**

This will likely be held Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Watch for additional information regarding this event.

**SPECIAL NOTES REGARDING THE AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Scholarships will be awarded based on financial need, promise of success, and commitment to community service. Decisions of the scholarship committee are final.

The donors especially wish to ensure that McClymonds graduates are well prepared for education beyond high school and to encourage an expanding community of college graduates who are prepared to face the world as productive citizens. In 2011, the Committee plans to make 4-year awards to students who start out at 2 year schools (Community colleges) and then transfer to 4 year schools. The committee believes that starting at a 2 year school, where students receive more individual attention, can increase a student's success in college.

**CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING SCHOLARSHIP CHECKS:**

To receive your first scholarship check, you must:

- 1) Re-register on the web, giving us your current email and mailing addresses (we will send an email in August asking you to do this).
- 2) Show proof that you are registered for at least 12 units.
- 3) Submit a thank-you note to the anonymous donors thanking them for the award.

To receive checks for following semesters, you must:

- 1) Re-register on the web, giving us your current email and mailing addresses. (we will send an email when it is time to register).
- 2) Show proof that your GPA for the completed semester was 2.0 or better.
- 3) Show proof that you are registered for 12 or more units for the upcoming semester.
- 4) Submit another thank-you note to the anonymous donors, letting them know how you have used the award.

Checks are made available in mid-January and mid-August. An email will be sent out (to the email address you used to register) indicating when checks will be available at McClymonds for pick-up. It is also possible to email your materials to us, and have a check mailed to you.

Any changes of email address, and any questions, can be sent at any time to [mcclymondsmerit@gmail.com](mailto:mcclymondsmerit@gmail.com). This email address is not checked every day, so it may take a week or more before you get a response.

**Completed Applications are Due:**  
**Friday, April 15 by 4:00 p.m.**

**ABSOLUTELY NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME.  
INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE REJECTED.**

*Good luck and congratulations  
on your coming graduation*

**2011 MCCLYMONDS MERIT AWARD APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**College or trade school you plan to attend (If you're considering more than one, list all you are considering)**

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**College Admissions (If you are already admitted to any schools, please list them)**

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**Field of Interest or intended Major:**

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**Why are you interested in this field or major?**

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**Certified hours of Community Service in high school career: \_\_\_\_\_**

**What did you learn, or how did you benefit from, your community service?**

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**2011 MCCLYMONDS MERIT AWARD FINAL CHECKLIST**

Please sign your name below when you have verified that your folder contains the following 6 items, in this order:

- 1) This checklist
- 2 ) Summary application form
- 3) Transcript
- 4) Personal Statement, signed by a teacher or counselor
- 5) Letter of recommendation
- 6) Community Service Certification Form

**Do not staple pages together, and do not include anything that is 2-sided.**

If anything is missing, please explain below why and when you expect to be able to turn that item in. Note that the committee may decide not to consider incomplete applications.

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