



Elsie Marrow Legacy Foundation

“Supporting Tomorrow’s Educators”

Scholarship Fund Program

2019 Guidelines

The Elsie Marrow Legacy Foundation is dedicated to supporting and encouraging young people to pursue careers in education. We are addressing the crisis resulting from the national teacher shortage by:

- (1) Providing scholarships to decrease the financial burden of students pursuing careers in education;
- (2) Supporting new teachers and existing educators; and
- (3) Recruiting youth and positively engaging them in education-focused service projects and initiatives.

The Elsie Marrow Legacy Foundation is seeking students who exemplify our core values of *caring*, *civic engagement*, and *educational advancement*.

The *Mission* of Elsie Marrow Legacy Foundation is to **SUPPORT** and **DEVELOP** the next generation of educators.

The *Vision* of Elsie Marrow Legacy Foundation is that all young people will achieve their educational goal, positively engage in their community, and continue a legacy of supporting the next generation.

The *Purpose* of the **Elsie Marrow Scholarship Program** is to provide scholarships to deserving high school graduating seniors intending to pursue a course of study in education at a two-year or four-year accredited institution of higher learning.

DEADLINE is Saturday, January 26, 2019, 11:59 p.m.

For 2019, the Foundation anticipates awarding at least two (2) scholarships. We anticipate awarding \$500 scholarships to students attending two-year educational institutions (aka community colleges) and \$1,000 scholarships to students attending four-year educational institutions. This scholarship includes a mentoring component for recipients with a retired or current educator. The formal announcement of the scholarship recipients will occur on Elsie B. Marrow Day in Smithfield, VA. Traditionally, it is the 3rd Sunday in April and in 2019 will occur on an alternate day.

Criteria and eligibility

1. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
2. Applicant must have at least a 2.5 grade point average (or a “C+” average).
3. Applicant must have a desired college major in Education or in associated field (e.g. school counseling).
4. Applicant must demonstrate how they embody the core values of the Elsie Marrow Legacy Foundation, namely through their community engagement, improvement in academics, and desire to attend college.

****Please note that if applicants are related to any members of the Board of Directors or Scholarship Committee, then the related party may not vote on the impacted application for this presents a conflict of interest. This information must be disclosed in the application.**

Please note that these scholarships are renewable if the recipient meets the renewal criteria and funds are available.

The Elsie Marrow Legacy Foundation Board of Directors as recommended by the Scholarship Committee will determine the total number of scholarship awards and renewals each year. **NOTE: Distribution of scholarship funds will occur after verification of enrollment and registration in an accredited institution of higher learning.**



General Instructions

1. DEADLINE for ALL scholarship applications is **Saturday, January 26, 2019, 11:59 p.m.** (No exceptions.) Submit applications by email or postal mail.
2. Refer to the scoring factors below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., transcripts, reference letters, essay, etc.) to submit a complete application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question in the application does not apply to you, please put N/A in the relevant space.
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will not be considered. You may also download a copy of the application online at www.elsiemarrowlegacy.org.
5. All applicants will be notified by email and/or mail in late March regarding the status of their application.
6. If you have any questions about the application or scholarship, please send an email to scholarship@elsiemarrowlegacy.com.

Instructions to fill out the Application in the PDF Form:

1. Open the PDF form in Acrobat Reader.
2. Choose **Tools > Fill & Sign** or choose **Fill & Sign** from the right pane. The Fill & Sign tool opens with the toolbar at the top.
3. Type your answers in the blue boxes (if there is not enough space or you need to attach something, please type “see attached” and submit the attachment along with your application).
4. Complete the application and save it with your first and last name (e.g. Kisha James 2019 Application). Please use the same naming form to submit any attachments (e.g. Kisha James 2019 EMLF Attachment). We highly encourage applicants to submit their application and their supporting materials as **ONE ATTACHMENT** along via email.
5. Then email it along with the supporting materials (required attachment-) to scholarship@elsiemarrowlegacy.com **OR** print it, sign it and mail it along with the supporting materials the Elsie Marrow Legacy Foundation, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 662, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

Scoring Factors:**

Application Packages are complete when the Foundation receives the following six items:

1. **Scholarship Application.** Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly).
2. **Recommendations.** Two (2) letters of recommendations from choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individuals with significant knowledge of applicant’s aptitude and potential for success in the field of education.*
3. **Transcript.** An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average and the student’s class standing/rank.
4. **Community/Civic Engagement.** Documentation* of community service and/or civic engagement.
5. **Creative Expression.** Applicants may choose their own artistic format to provide the Scholarship Committee more insight into who you are and why this scholarship will help you to achieve your professional and education goals/objectives. For example, applicants may upload a short video to YouTube or other media format and provide the link in your application or send us a picture of your vision board with a brief description, if necessary.
6. **Essay.** *Why do you want to pursue a career in education?* Essay must be at least 1-2 typed pages, double-spaced, 12 pt /Time New Roman font. Essay shall contain no grammatical errors.

*There is a 2-3 week grace period for individuals (other than the applicant) submitting recommendations and community service documentation directly to the Elsie Marrow Legacy Foundation.

Please note that the Elsie Marrow Legacy Foundation reserves the right to incorporate a virtual or telephone **interview as a factor in the final selection of scholarship recipients. Only applicants considered as finalists for the scholarship will be notified, if necessary.

Deadline for the application **January 26, 2019, 11:59 p.m.** Applications time stamped or postmarked after this date and time will not be considered for funding.

Email: scholarship@elsiemarrowlegacy.com

or

Mail: **Elsie Marrow Legacy Foundation**

Attn: **Scholarship Committee**

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