

THE 2018 MARTI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

General instructions - Either type your application or print with black ink. Do **not** use two-sided printing.

Regular application deadline - Applications for renewable scholarships that will start in Fall 2018 must be received at our office no later than 3 p.m. (local time), April 23, 2018, or if mailed, postmarked no later than Monday, April 23, 2018. **Note that this is much earlier than in previous years.**

One-time “pick-up” application deadline - Applications for a one-time (non-renewable) Spring 2018 scholarship must be received at our office no later than 3 p.m. (local time), Wednesday, December 20, 2017. (Students who currently have at least one semester remaining on a Marti Foundation scholarship should **not** apply for this “pick-up” scholarship.)

Attachments

Attach copies of these documents to your application before you turn it in to us:

1. Completed budget form (the “STUDENT BUDGET FOR TWO SEMESTERS” page).
2. Your high school transcript.
3. Transcript from each college and/or technical school you have attended. (Include the transcript for any dual credit courses you took.)
4. List of the advanced placement courses you have taken, and indicate for each course whether or not you took the test.
5. Acceptance letter (on letterhead that shows the name, address, and phone number of the institution) from the college or technical school that you will attend.
6. Your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) from the U. S. Department of Education. (Please black out any SSNs.)
7. If you were (or will be) claimed as a dependent on any person’s federal income tax return, the first two pages of his, her, or their IRS Form[s] 1040 (or equivalent federal tax form[s]) for last year. (Please black out SSNs and bank account information.) For most new high school graduates, this means the parent(s) with whom you live.

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8. The first two pages of your own IRS Form 1040 (or equivalent federal tax form) for last year. (Please black out SSNs and bank account information.)

Setting up your interview

Once your application is in our office, it is **your** responsibility to get in touch with us in person or by telephone (817/556-4687) during our office hours to make an appointment for your interview. We are normally open 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Monday – Thursday.

Early interviews

Applicants who may not be able to schedule interviews with us in our office during our regular interview period should take advantage of our early interview dates:

Afternoon of Monday, April 30, 2018, starting at 4 p.m.

Afternoon of Tuesday, May 8, 2018, starting at 4 p.m.

Regular interview dates

Regular interviews will begin on Monday, June 4, 2018. We plan to conduct interviews during the mornings on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and probably for a few hours on Saturdays. We hope to finish interviews by Saturday, June 23, 2018.

Useful URLs include:

File for FASFA at www.fasfa.gov.

For Hill College students: Apply for scholarships to Hill College online at www.hillcollege.edu. (Try Quick Links → Financial Aid → Scholarship Application.) The window for applying should be open from early February through late May.

Check to see if you are eligible for Hazlewood Exemption benefits at www.collegeforalltexas.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=579.

Useful budget information: Your own school's web site may be best. As an alternative, you could try www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org. (Search for your school and look for "Paying.")

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CHECKLIST FOR MARTI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

_____ Signed and dated Marti Foundation Scholarship Application form. Include your completed:

_____ Student budget form. (When you come to your interview with us, please be prepared to discuss it with us and to tell us about any significant changes.)

_____ (i) Copy of your most recent high school transcript. (ii) Copy of your transcript from each college or technical school you have attended (including dual credit courses), if any. (iii) List of advanced placement courses you have completed, if any.

_____ Copy of your acceptance letter from the college or technical school that you will attend in Fall 2018.

_____ Copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) from the U. S. Department of Education. (Please black out any SSNs.)

_____ If you were (or will be) claimed as a dependent on any person's federal income tax return, the first two pages of his, her, or their IRS Form[s] 1040 (or equivalent federal tax form[s]) for last year. (Please black out all SSNs, any financial account numbers, and any tax preparers' EINs.)

_____ The first two pages of your own IRS Form 1040 (or equivalent federal tax form) for last year, if you filed. (Please black out SSNs, *etc.*)

ALSO

_____ Set up your appointment for your interview. You may telephone the Marti Foundation office at 817/556-4687 during our office hours or, if you hand-deliver your application to us, you may be able to set up your appointment at that time.

_____ Are you applying to the correct foundation? (Hill College students should apply for financial help to Hill College at its website instead of to us.)

_____ Have you checked to see if you are eligible for Hazlewood Exemption benefits?

_____ When is your appointment to interview with us? _____

_____ Bring a recent picture of yourself to the interview for our files. Make sure your name is printed on it.

_____ If you do receive a Marti Foundation scholarship, when you pick up your first check, bring your Social Security Number with you so you can fill out IRS Form W-9.

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APPLICATION FOR THE MARTI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Print (with black ink) or type.

Personal information

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Mailing address (with city, state, and zip): _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone no.: _____

Briefly describe your employment experience. If you are currently employed, include your employer and occupation.

List the high school and any colleges or technical schools you have attended:

List your high school and college honors, awards, organizations, *etc.*

College or technical school you will attend (Include city and state):

Starting date: _____ Anticipated field of study: _____

Anticipated career: _____ What's your Plan B? _____

Financial information

Father's name: _____

Phone no.: _____ Mailing address (with city, state, and zip):

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's name: _____

Phone no.: _____ Mailing address (with city, state, and zip):

Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

(If you rely on some other adult for your support, please provide similar information about that adult and also indicate the relationship.)

Have you completed the FAFSA? _____ Have you applied for any other student financial aid? _____ Briefly describe the types and amounts of scholarships and grants you anticipate:

Will you work next semester? _____ If so, indicate the job desired or applied for and the number of hours per week.

How much will it cost you and your family for you to go to school for the next two semesters? _____

Complete our “Student Budget for Two Semesters” form and include it with your application. **When you come to your interview with us, be prepared to discuss your expected expenses, grants, scholarships, and pay, as well as any significant changes to your budget.**

Briefly describe any unusual financial circumstances that affect your family’s ability to help you go to school: _____

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? _____ Is/was any of your parents or your spouse a veteran? _____

If so, please find out whether or not you are eligible for the Hazlewood Exemption educational benefit for Texas veterans.

General information

Briefly explain your academic goals and how achieving them will enable you to pursue your personal goals in life.

Best adult for us to get in touch with if we ever have any trouble reaching you:

Name: _____ Phone nos.: _____

Email addresses: _____

Certification

I certify that the information on this application for a Marti Foundation scholarship is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the attachments are true and correct copies of the originals (except for redacting SSNs, EINs, and bank account routing numbers).

I agree to turn in grades and Student Semester Reports on time, and to come to the Marti Foundation office for a conference if the Marti Foundation so requests.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

This application is due at the Marti Foundation, 1501-D N. Main St., Cleburne Texas 76033, by 3 p.m. (local time) on Monday, April 30, 2018 (or if mailed, postmarked by that date). Telephone us at 817/556-4687 to set up your interview appointment. (We do need your application in our office before we can give you an appointment time.)

STUDENT BUDGET FOR TWO SEMESTERS

Tuition and required fees (“sticker price”) for two semesters at your school	\$
Housing (including utilities, if off-campus)	\$
Food	\$
Transportation (If by personal car, include insurance and parking permits as well as note payments, gas, maintenance, etc.)	\$
Medical / dental (including health insurance)	\$
Books and school supplies	\$
Computer (including software and supplies)	\$
Internet access, phone	\$
Clothing and personal products	\$
Laundry	\$
Entertainment (including sports passes and eating out)	\$
Other:	\$
_____	\$
Total estimated expenses	\$
Less:	
Financial aid grants and scholarships awarded to you by your college. DO NOT INCLUDE LOANS.	\$
Net pay from part-time work	\$
List other scholarships and grants. DO NOT INCLUDE LOANS.	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$
_____	\$
Total available from grants, scholarships, and part-time work	\$
Subtract to estimate funds still needed	\$

ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION FORM

The Marti Foundation expects you to spend some time and effort to find the information you need to complete our application and budget forms.

We expect you to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to get the U.S. Dept. of Education SAR. (However, unlike some other scholarship organizations, we do not require that you qualify for a Pell grant.) If there is any reason that you cannot file for FAFSA, please let us know as soon as possible; please do not wait until your interview.

For the student budget form, you should be able to get estimates for many of the items from your school's website.

If you, either of your parents, or your spouse is (or was) a military veteran, look into the Hazlewood Exemption before you apply to us.

We invite students who have attended Hill College and are ready to go on to their four-year colleges to apply to us. However, students who plan to attend Hill College this year and/or next spring need to apply to Hill College itself (through its website) or to other local scholarship organizations.

ABOUT ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN COLLEGE

College instructors expect their students to put in a great deal of work outside the classroom -- as well as to attend every class, participate in discussions, take good notes, put effort into assignments (and turn them in on time), and be well prepared and thinking clearly for exams. For every hour spent in class, most instructors expect students to spend two to three hours outside of class studying, doing homework, preparing projects and reports, *etc.* **This is a tremendous change from most high school courses, even dual credit courses.** Learning everything that is presented in class is necessary, but it is not enough!

We consider an undergraduate student who completes at least fourteen academic hours per semester to be a full-time student because, if the student is doing it properly, it is at least a 50 to 60 hour per week job. (We encourage students to limit outside employment to 20 hours per week.) If you plan to ever take fewer than 14 hours, let us know in advance.

Make friends in class who will take notes for you in case you have to miss a class. Your instructor may be the one person in the classroom who isn't taking notes.

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ABOUT THE MARTI FOUNDATION AND OUR SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Marti Foundation is a non-profit corporation organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and is described in IRC Sec. 501(c)(3). Our scholarships are for college and technical school students who are from Johnson County, Texas. The schools our students attend must meet the standards of applicable U.S. Treasury regulations as well as of our Board of Trustees; in general, the schools our students attend will be regionally accredited, non-profit institutions.

The Foundation generally expects each undergraduate student who receives a scholarship to complete at least fourteen academic hours towards his or her degree and to earn a grade point average of at least 2.75 every semester. Each student whose school considers him or her to be a full-time student in a particular semester even if he or she does not complete fourteen academic hours should discuss this with us before accepting a scholarship grant for that semester.

Each student who receives a scholarship for any semester must report to the Foundation **within thirty days after the end of that semester** (whether or not the student expects to receive another check) in order to turn in grades and our Student Semester Report. *United States Treasury regulations require these reports. They are extremely important. Even students who graduate, students who have used up the last semester of their original grants, and students who feel they don't qualify for continued assistance must turn in their grades and report how they spent our award for that semester.* We may also require scholarship recipients to visit our offices for conferences from time to time.

Our awards can only be spent for certain educational expenses (such as tuition and fees required for the recipient to enroll in and attend an accredited institution as a degree candidate, and fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction). We also ask for estimates of other expenses because that information helps us assess applicants' financial needs.

Schedule your appointment for your interview by telephone, or in person when you turn in your application.

Marti Foundation scholarship awards are based on factors that include financial need, not only on academic merit. If you do not receive a scholarship, please do not feel that this reflects badly on you in any way.

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