

FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE MODEL A FORD YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC. PROGRAM

Who can apply?

All children and grandchildren of the MODEL A FORD CLUB of AMERICA members.

Are there any fees involved?

Absolutely not, the scholarship is free. There are no fees or charges hidden or otherwise.

Do the winners pay income tax on the grant money?

When the award winners receive their checks from the scholarship fund, they will not have to pay income tax if the money goes directly to an approved college or trade school.

How much is the award?

The Scholarship winners will get a maximum total of \$4,000 payable in up to four \$1,000 installments depending on the length of time they attend school. At the end of each school year every student is required to furnish proof of passing and continuation of their education to receive each successive \$1,000 check.

When and where will the Scholarship Awards be made?

The first awards were presented at the MAFCA National Convention at Riverside, CA in 2002. The 2003 awards were presented in Springfield, MO at the Midwest Regional. The 2004 awards were presented at the MAFCA National meet in Portland, OR. Thereafter, each even year they will be presented at the MAFCA National convention and each odd year at a certified Regional Meeting to be selected by the scholarship fund.

How much of the donations go to the Scholarship Winners?

All of the donations (100%) go into the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc. and directly to the awardees.

What part does the sponsor, the Victoria Association, play?

The Victoria Association pays all costs of maintaining the Scholarship Fund. No donated money can go to the Victoria Association as per the IRS designation as a 501(c)(3) charity. All donations are tax deductible.

How is the Scholarship funded?

The Scholarship raises money by soliciting donations from the various chapters of MAFCA, by personal donations, corporate donations, and fund raising efforts of many of the MAFCA chapters and individual members.

What are the requirements?

Applicants must furnish the following information or the application will not be processed:

- 1. A completed application form;
- 2. A copy of High School Diploma and GPA or GED Certificate:
- 3. A recommendation form and letter of recommendation from a teacher;
- 4. A recommendation form from the sponsoring MAFCA Chapter President;
- 5. Copy of college or educational institution acceptance letter;
- 6. A copy of parents and or student's IRS 1040 form (pages 1 and 2 only); (This information will be kept in strict confidence, and will be destroyed after review and scoring.)
- 7. A hand written letter by the applicant stating the level of involvement with the Model A hobby;
- 8. A good photo to be used in an article in The Restorer Magazine announcing the award winners.

What is the due date of the application?

The application must be postmarked on or before May 1 of each year.

Where can I obtain an application and ask questions about the Scholarship?

Model A Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc. Model A Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc.

c/o Jill Sullins or: Donna Lewis

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How Is The Scholarship Administered?

The Scholarship is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization under IRS rules and regulations. Everything we do in the administration of the scholarship is according to IRS requirements. The Scholarship Board of Directors administers the scholarship fund.

How is the scholarship board selected?

The Scholarship Board is made up of <u>VOLUNTEERS</u> from the Victoria Association membership at large. The Victoria Association Board of Directors appoints the Scholarship Board from all volunteers. The term of office is two years. Note: The Victoria Association is not allowed to have IRS 501(c)(3) status. But the IRS said the Victoria Association could sponsor the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc., which *is* a charity. The following is important to understand, by the Victoria Association being the sponsor, they pay all operational costs of the Scholarship <u>allowing all donations to go into the Scholarship fund</u>. By IRS rules, the Victoria Association <u>cannot make any profit</u> from the proceeds of the Scholarship Fund.

Neither the Victoria Association nor MAFCA can be involved in the administration of the scholarship. Only the Scholarship Board of Directors administers the scholarship.

Who selects the scholarship award winners?

It is the Scholarship Board of Directors that selects, from all applicants, the award winners. They use criteria especially tailored to the Model A Ford Youth Scholarship, using selected government and college grant applications as references. We had help from a very knowledgeable and experienced college grant administrator. It is important to note that the applicants are all treated equally in the process of scoring. There are no separate criteria for boys or girls, or their MAFCA Chapter location.

How do you determine how many scholarships are presented each year?

The number of scholarships presented annually is determined by how much money the fund takes in. We give one scholarship for each four thousand dollars we receive. In 2002, for example, we collected \$12,000 so we gave out three scholarships. In 2003, we received \$15,000 and presented three full scholarships and two partial scholarships. In 2004 we presented 3 scholarships. We have to have the money in the fund prior to awards.

In further explanation: we present the awards in \$1,000 increments to the award winners up to a maximum of four years. It is up to the student to prove to us that they have passed the school year and are returning the next year to get the second \$1,000, and so on for up to four years of their education.

Grading

Each director receives a copy of each application. Using the criteria and grading sheet, each director will list all applicants, and enters his/her scores. All scores are tallied and averaged to get the final score. The highest scores are the scholarship winners. Since each of the directors is in a different part of the USA we have no access to see, discuss, or have knowledge of each other's score until all sheets are sent to Jill Sullins, President, for compilation.

Notification

All winners are contacted by phone in person by Jill Sullins and followed up with a confirmation letter. All non-winners also receive a letter informing them that regrettably they were not selected to receive a scholarship.

The 2005-2006 Model A Ford Youth Scholarship Fund, Inc. Board of Directors:

Jill Sullins, Texas – President Ginger Endy, California – Secretary Charlie Viosca, Texas – Chairman of the Board Bill Barlow, Oregon – Student Records Bob Haddon, Georgia – Treasurer

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