

School on Wheels Scholarship Program



This scholarship was created to honor: Catherine McAuley

Catherine was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1920. She left school at age 14 to help support her family. As an intelligent woman who saw how her lack of education impacted her, she was determined that the same fate would not happen to her children. Many people in the neighborhood never finished basic schooling. And no one in her family had ever gone to college until her children did.

The purpose

The purpose of the Catherine McAuley Scholarship is to improve the life of a homeless child through education. Scholarships are available to break down any barriers that exist for homeless students in getting a quality education. This includes, but is not limited to, any level of college, trade schools, arts/music programs, educational summer programs, apprenticeships or enrichment classes. The maximum award amount is generally \$1,000, but in some cases, recipients may reapply.

Requirements - must be ONE of the following:

- Currently enrolled in tutoring with the School on Wheels program, OR
- Previously enrolled in tutoring with the School on Wheels program within the past 3 years, OR
- Previously enrolled in tutoring more than 3 years ago but now pursuing post-secondary education

All students must have been tutored for at least 3 months and be a student 25 years or younger.

Application materials:

- Completion of Application Form
- Personal Statement Essay
- Letter of recommendation from a tutor, teacher, or employer
- Current, unofficial school transcript and/or report card

Submission:

Applications are usually reviewed on a quarterly basis and are due at the end of each of the following months: February, May, August, and November. If you are applying for entrance to a specific program or class with a deadline, please give the scholarship committee at least 3 weeks to make a decision. Submitting an application does not guarantee you will receive a scholarship. Decisions are based on multiple factors, including the strength of the application, and how the money will be used.

Please address and mail application with all the required materials to:

**School on Wheels, Inc.
Catherine McAuley Scholarship
600 E. 7th Street, Ste 109
Los Angeles, CA 90021**

Or email to: Scholarship Committee Leader, Lisette Gaeta, at lgaeta@schoolonwheels.org.



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Tutoring Homeless Children Since 1993

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I. Student Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Email: _____

Street address (optional): _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Current School: _____ GPA: _____ Last Grade Completed: _____

Please provide specific information on why you are requesting a scholarship, including program/class/materials information, cost/fees, deadlines, etc. **

II. Essay

Students should write a brief essay addressing the following issues: Describe your current financial situation and how it has impacted your desire for education. How will you use this scholarship for your goals? ** Include any other information you would like to share with the committee. There is no word limit, but please do not exceed four pages. The essay should be written by the student, but younger students may have parents or a tutor write their ideas down for them.

***Priority is given to requests for enrollment fees for classes, summer program fees, or tuition and books, but other requests, such as technology awards (computers, software, etc.), may be considered for high school and college level students.*

III. Letter of Recommendation

The letter of recommendation should discuss the applicant's academic commitment as well as involvement and/or interest in volunteer/extracurricular activities. This may come from the applicant's School on Wheels tutor, a teacher, or an employer. Family members or relatives are not eligible to write letters of recommendation.

IV. Unofficial Transcript / Report Card

Please enclose one unofficial transcript or a COPY of applicant's report card.

Questions? Email: lgaeta@schoolonwheels.org, or call 213-896-9200.