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MHF Scholarships Available for 2017-2018

Migration Heritage Foundation (MHF) announces the following scholarships are available to high school graduates or GED recipients for the 2017 - 2018 academic year:

- Heritage Literacy Scholarship – Range from \$500 to \$1000 (for residents throughout the U.S.)
- Reedy Memorial Scholarship (in memory of Laurie, John, and Alonzo Reedy) -- Range from \$500 to \$800 – (for Holmes County, Mississippi, residents)
- Brown Memorial Scholarship (in memory of Iva Lee and Edwin Brown) -- \$500 (for Kentucky residents)
- Frock Shop Chicago Scholarship --\$500 (for Chicago Metropolitan Area residents)

Eligibility

Applicants must be U.S. residents age 18 or above and submit the following by May 1:

1. Proof of admission to or current attendance at an accredited college, university or career preparation program anywhere in the U.S. as of the Fall 2017.
2. Verification of needy status with ONE of the following:
 - A copy of notice Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) eligibility. Visit <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> for information about how to apply for FAFSA; (FAFSA notice required for college students);
 - A copy of notice verifying eligibility for reduced-rate meals, food stamps or summer feeding program;
3. A Heritage Essay titled "My (your nationality) Heritage, My American Dreams." For example, if your nationality is Chinese, the essay should be titled, "My Chinese Heritage, My American Dreams." The essay should be free of spelling, grammatical and mechanical errors. See Page 2 for a sample essay.

Visit mhtr.us and click on "Scholarship" for the scholarship application. Applications can be sent via e-mail by May 1, 2017, or by US mail postmarked by May 1, 2017.

Note: If awarded the scholarship, awardees will be requested to submit a recent photo.

About MHF

Migration Heritage Foundation is a charitable, non-profit, 501(c)(3) that supports programs designed to develop heritage-related knowledge and writing skills simultaneously among all ages. By awarding scholarships and stipends, fostering education, promoting heritage-related research, encouraging writing, and garnering and disseminating information we document the past and preserve the future. The MHF Scholarship program is funded by companies and individuals that support our vision to document the past and preserve the future. For more information, [visit mhtr.us](http://mhtr.us).

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Sample Heritage Essay

My African American Roots, My American Dreams

In my family, there is only a small amount of history of which I am aware, but this history--as little as it may be--is very influential to my life.

My grandmother has been alive for a good 70+ years now, and her life as an entrepreneur is very inspiring. She opened her restaurant, the Orange Mound Grill, in Orange Mound. For years people have been eating her delicious soul food and as time moves on, her legacy with the business will live in her children, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren.

What does this have to do with my dreams? My grandmother's entrepreneurship has inspired me to push for my dreams to be an artist. Currently, my major at Tennessee State University is commercial music technology, and I get better and better every day with my craft as I maneuver through the learning curves that this institution has built over the years. My plan is to create my "own" music label and bring aspiring young and gifted artist from Memphis who have a totally different sound from what Memphis usually has to offer. Artists of the caliber that I envision tend to make meaningful music, rather than yelling derogatory terms and using profane language profusely.

As I push day by day for my American dream to become a reality, I think about how hard my grandmother worked to become the amazing chef she is today, and also how hard she worked to keep her business running for more than 50 years. Her drive and determination push me to work hard for my dreams to become a reality. I believe that in time if I continue to work hard and persevere as she has, I will reach my goal, and live my "own" American Dream.