



Migration Heritage Foundation

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Foundation Stipends Available for 2017-2018

Migration Heritage Foundation is proud to announce non-renewable 2017-2018 Heritage Literacy Stipends of \$100 for minors enrolled in, or planning to enroll in, summer and after-school programs Summer 2017 through Spring 2018. *Stipends are awarded on a first come, first serve basis as long as funds are available.*

Applicant Eligibility

Stipend applicants must be parents or guardians who are U.S residents, age 18 or above and submit an application on behalf of a minor. The applicant may also be a non-profit organization that operates a summer or other eligible program. The following documents should accompany the stipend application:

1. Verification of needy status with ONLY ONE of the following documents:
 - a. A copy of notice verifying eligibility for reduced-rate meals, food stamps or summer feeding program; or
 - b. A copy of parent/guardian's income tax return for the previous year to verify household income below the poverty level. (Visit <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/15poverty.cfm> for more information about the poverty level). *Note: If income tax return is provided, please remove all identifying information such as date of birth and first five digits of social security number.*
2. A Heritage Essay, written by minors **age 8 and above**. The essay should be titled "My (your nationality) My American Dreams." For example, if the applicant's nationality is Chinese, the essay should be titled "My Chinese Heritage, My American Dreams." (A essay worksheet is on Page 2.) Minors **ages 5 -7** should submit a primary level Heritage Worksheet. (See Page 3 for 2017-2018 worksheet.)
3. Proof of admission to or attendance at a summer or after-school program anywhere in the U.S. This proof includes a receipt for enrollment fee or other verification.

Visit <http://www.mhtr.us> and click on "Stipends" to access the application.

*Note: If awarded the stipend, the individual/organization to whom the check is made payable will be asked 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 stipend 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 up 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 institute 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 more 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 like she has, I will reach my goal, and live my "own" American Dream.



Heritage Worksheet
(Primary Level, for Ages 5-7)

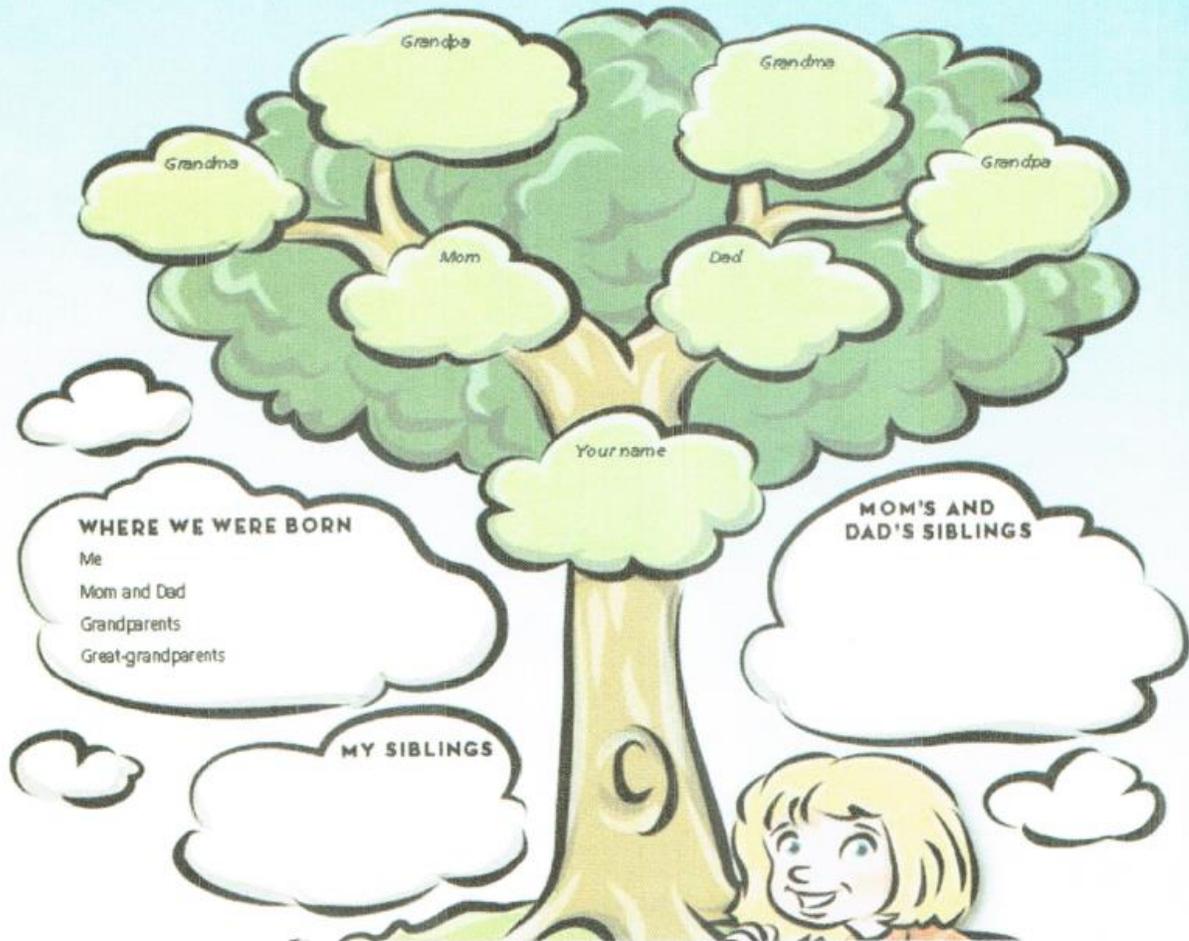
Instructions to Parent/Guardian: Please print this page and help your child complete it. **DO NOT COMPLETE IT FOR THE CHILD.**

Child's Name _____ Applicant's Name _____ Date _____

I Can Climb My Family Tree!

Everybody has ancestors. What can you learn about yours? Here are fun ways to start climbing your own family tree!

1. Write down your name, your parents' names, and your grandparents' names.
2. Where were you born? What about your parents and grandparents? Can you find these places on a map?
3. Do you have brothers and sisters? Draw a picture of them. Who are your parents' brothers and sisters? Do your parents have a picture of them? Can you name them all?
4. Ask your parents to go to Family Tree on FamilySearch.org. What can you find out about your grandparents on Family Tree? Did they have brothers and sisters? What can you find out about their parents?



Email the completed stipend application, this worksheet, photo and proof of need srgf2013@gmail.com or mail to:

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(Note: Attach a photo of the individual (over age 18 to whom the stipend Check is to be made payable.)