



W. Mae Harper Steward National Scholars Award

Scholarship Application

Scholarship Overview

The W. Mae Harper Steward National Scholars Award provides financial assistance to one deserving woman in the United States who is pursuing post-secondary education and demonstrates both financial need and determination. This award honors the legacy of W. Mae Harper Steward by supporting women who are committed to advancing their education and creating opportunities for themselves, their families, and their communities. Deadline to apply is August 1st.

Eligibility Requirements

- ❖ Be a woman
- ❖ Reside in the United States
- ❖ Be enrolled in or accepted to a Community College, Junior College, or Four-Year College/University
- ❖ Demonstrate financial need
- ❖ Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 if currently enrolled

Required Supporting Documents

- ❖ Completed Application
- ❖ Essay Response (500–750 words)
- ❖ Current Transcript (if applicable)
- ❖ One Letter of Recommendation (from a teacher or community leader)
- ❖ Proof of Enrollment or Acceptance

Selection Criteria

- ❖ Financial Need (40%) – Demonstrated need for financial assistance
- ❖ Determination & Perseverance (30%) – Resilience and commitment to goals
- ❖ Academic Performance (20%) – GPA and academic effort
- ❖ Leadership & Community (10%) – Service and involvement

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Educational Information

Current School/Program: _____

Current GPA: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

Intended Major or Field of Study: _____

Educational Institution You Plan to Attend (if known): _____

Financial Need Statement

Please briefly describe your financial circumstances and explain how receiving this scholarship would assist you in achieving your educational goals.

Leadership, Service, and Community Involvement

Please list any leadership roles, volunteer service, employment, extracurricular activities, or community involvement.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Essay Requirement (500–750 words) The W. Mae Harper Steward National Scholars Award recognizes women who persevere through challenges while remaining committed to their educational goals. **Please respond to the following:** Describe a challenge or obstacle you have faced and how it has influenced your educational journey. How have determination and perseverance helped you continue pursuing your goals, and how would receiving this scholarship help you achieve your future aspirations?

Essay Originality Certification

The essay submitted for the W. Mae Harper Steward National Scholars Award must be the applicant's original work and reflect her own experiences, thoughts, goals, and perspectives.

While applicants may utilize spelling, grammar, and proofreading tools, the essay's content, ideas, personal reflections, and responses must be independently created by the applicant. Essays that are plagiarized, substantially generated by artificial intelligence, or otherwise misrepresent the applicant's own voice and experiences may be disqualified from consideration.

By signing below, I certify that the essay submitted with this application is my original work and accurately represents my personal experiences and aspirations.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Beyond Beautiful World Foundation may verify information submitted as part of this application and that any false or misleading information may result in disqualification.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____