



of Metro Denver

The Helen McLoraine Scholarship Fund

College scholarships for girls who have participated in
Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver programs
Information & Support Packet for 2016-2017

Applications are due Friday, February 10, 2017 before 5:00 p.m.

THE HELEN MCLORAIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

History

The Helen McLoraine Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Helen M. McLoraine, a pioneer in the oil industry and a woman who embodied the Girls Incorporated mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. The scholarship fund was established to carry on her legacy by inspiring girls to be active in community service, strive for higher education, and gain advanced skills and knowledge they need to realize bright futures. The Scholarship fund provides competitive awards to girls who have participated in Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver programs. They are designed to make post-secondary education more accessible to young women by offsetting financial costs, as well as inspire girls to pursue rewarding careers.

Available Scholarships

- Teen Leadership Scholarship
- Strong, Smart, and Bold Scholarship
- Helen McLoraine Collegiate Scholarship

Application Process

Read and complete the application form and include with it the required materials for the scholarship for which you are applying. The Scholarship Selection Team will select awardees based on the following criteria:

- Community Service
- Demonstrated ability to handle responsibility and leadership
- Clarity of ideas and communication skills
- Strength of character
- Depth of impact at Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver programs for the applicant
- Personal achievement and future plans and goals

All applicants who submit a complete application by the deadline will be considered for an interview. Interviews will be conducted at Girls Inc. of Metro Denver on Wednesday, March 16, 2017 between 4:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Applicants attending school out of state will need to be available during this time for an interview which will be conducted via Skype or a similar program.

****If you were awarded a scholarship from the Helen McLoraine Scholarship Fund in 2016 you may not apply again until 2018.****

All completed applications must be mailed or hand delivered to the following address by February 10, 2017 before 5:00 p.m.

Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver
Helen McLoraine Scholarships
Attention: Lakeysha Molock
1499 Julian Street
Denver, CO 80204

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

Teen Leadership

- Two Teen Leadership Scholarships at \$5,000 each

Scholarships will be awarded to girls currently enrolled in the 10th grade, who have been Girls Inc. of Metro Denver members within the past 5 years AND:

1. Have completed the College Prep class AND
2. Have participated in, or are currently participating in, at least one other Girls Inc. class or volunteer position.

Additional Requirements:

- Participated in community service and leadership activities
- Grade point average of 2.0 or higher

How to Apply:

Please note: all materials must be 12pt. Arial font, 1 inch margins, double spaced, single-sided.

1. Complete the application cover page.
2. Include a personal essay, up to three pages in length to address the following questions:
 - ***How have you been involved in your community through community service/leadership or otherwise, and what has that experience meant to you?***
 - ***What makes you a leader and how will you continue to be a leader?***
 - ***How will this scholarship help you to achieve your future plans and goals?***
 - ***What personal achievement are you most proud of and why?***
3. Include your official school transcript. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.
4. Include two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes from adults from your school, job, or community (teacher, counselor, principal, advisor, supervisor, mentor, etc.) Letters from relatives or Girls Inc. staff will not be accepted. Please do not include more than 2 letters of recommendation.
5. Submit all of your materials by the deadline.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS CONTINUED

Strong, Smart, and Bold Scholarships

- Three Strong, Smart, Bold Scholarships at \$10,000 each

Scholarships will be awarded to girls currently enrolled in the 11th or 12th grade, who have been Girls Inc. of Metro Denver members within the past 5 years AND:

1. Have completed the College Prep class AND
2. Have participated in, or are currently participating in, at least one other Girls Inc. class or volunteer position.

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 - ***What makes you a leader and how will you continue to be a leader?***
 - ***How will this scholarship help you to achieve your future plans and goals?***
 - ***What personal achievement are you most proud of and why?***
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SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS CONTINUED

Helen McLoraine Collegiate Scholarship

- One Helen McLoraine Collegiate Scholarship at \$10,000

Scholarship will be awarded to a young woman currently pursuing a higher education who has been a Girls Inc. of Metro Denver member within the past 10 years.

Additional Requirements:

- Currently enrolled full-time undergraduate student attending an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated community service and leadership skills
- Grade point average of 2.0 or higher

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Application Cover Page

Please circle the scholarship you are applying for:

- A. Teen Leadership
- B. Strong, Smart, and Bold
- C. Helen McLoraine Collegiate

Name _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Current Grade _____

High School (currently attending) _____

College/University (currently attending) _____

I certify that the information on this form and the information in my packet is accurate and the essay enclosed is my original work.

Signature _____ Date _____



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Application Cover Page 2

Please circle the scholarship you are applying for:

- A. Teen Leadership
- B. Strong, Smart, and Bold
- C. Helen McLoraine Collegiate

Name _____

1. On a separate document please list the class and/or volunteer dates you have participated in, and a short description that explains your involvement at Girls Incorporated.

EXAMPLE:

| Class date | Class | Description |
|-------------------|----------------|---|
| Fall 2016 | Lego League | Participated in Lego League Challenge that addressed mobility issues for seniors. |
| Summer 2015 | Camp volunteer | Worked with 3rd and 4th graders on their reading skills. |

2. On the same document please list all of your previous and/or current leadership and community service experiences.

Example:

| Date(s) of service | Place of service | Description of service |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| October 2014 | Pepsi Center | Worked at the registration table for Walk for the Cure. |
| Summer 2015-current | Rose Nursing Home | Meet with seniors on Sunday afternoons to play games |



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At Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver

Recommendation Letter Request

To whom it may concern:

_____ is applying for a Helen McLoraine Scholarship which is offered each year by Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver. Our scholarship recognizes the leadership and accomplishments of young women who have participated in Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver programs. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to make post-secondary education accessible by offsetting the financial costs of higher education. Our hope is that our scholarships will inspire young women to succeed in school, become leaders and contribute to their communities.

Part of the scholarship selection process requires a letter of recommendation from someone in an educational, work, or volunteer setting who can speak to the applicant's abilities and qualifications. By receiving this form, the applicant is requesting that you provide answers to the following questions with your signature and stated relationship to the applicant. Your letter is a critical part of our selection and awareness process. Please answer the attached questions in a separate typed letter:

- How long have you known the applicant and what is your relationship to her?
- How has this person demonstrated leadership skills? Please give specific examples.
- How has this person been a positive role model for others?
- How would you describe this person’s character?

In addition, please include your name and title in the letter and a brief description of how you know the applicant. All questions must be addressed in your recommendation. The completed form should be returned to the applicant in a sealed envelope for submission with her application package. **All applications are due by 5:00 pm on February 10, 2017.** If needed, you can find the recommendation request form on our website at www.girlsincedenver.org

On behalf of Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver, we thank you for your time, interest and participation in this process. Thank you for helping to inspire our girls to become strong, smart, and bold.

Sincerely,

The Helen McLoraine Scholarship Committee

Helen McLoraine General Scholarship Guidelines

1. All recipients will be selected through a fair, equitable, standardized, and non-discriminatory application process.
2. Application information will be distributed widely and posted on the Girls Inc. website to ensure that eligible girls are informed of the opportunity.
3. An applicant must submit an application for the scholarships for which she would like to be considered.
4. Unsuccessful applicants will be encouraged to apply in a subsequent year if they continue to meet the scholarship criteria.
5. Scholarship awards may be used for post-secondary education or professional training from any accredited institute in the United States. Scholarships may be used for undergraduate classes only.
6. Scholarship recipients may use their scholarship award for fees assessed by the school they are attending and/or required books and supplies. This includes: tuition, fees, room & board, and application fees charged by the school. This **does not** include: private rent, utilities, grocery bills, travel expenses, deposits, late fees, or amounts due from semesters prior to when the student was awarded the scholarship.
7. An individual may receive up to two scholarships from the Helen McLoraine Scholarship Program in separate years, with one year off between applications.
8. Scholarship payments are contingent upon the student's graduation from high school (or completion of her G.E.D.) and acceptance into and continuance in the program of her choice.
9. Girls who are selected for a scholarship while in high school, or before beginning college, must use their scholarship funds within five years of the date she graduates from high school or receives her G.E.D. Current college students who receive an award must use their awards within five years of the date they were awarded the scholarship. The award year begins on the date she is/ was notified of her scholarship and includes one summer, one fall, and one spring semester.
10. The scholarship grants are intended to be used in full to support a student's studies. To ensure that the award will not be considered as taxable income by the I.R.S., recipients shall not be required to do anything in exchange for their scholarship apart from those actions pertaining to enrollment and continuation in school. Recipients can be invited or encouraged to complete an internship, promote the organization, etc., but these activities cannot be required.