

My Sister's Keeper Scholarship Application

My Sister's Keeper was founded in 2005 by women who believe it is their responsibility and destiny to make a difference in their communities. These women come from many different backgrounds and have many different life experiences that help to make the mission and vision of *My Sister's Keeper* diverse and far reaching.

The mission of *My Sister's Keeper* is to foster an enduring sisterhood based on core values, academic success, leadership development, spiritual service, cultural awareness and service to the community.

The members of *My Sister's Keeper* have consciously chosen this group as a means of fulfillment through volunteer service, spiritual guidance, academic encouragement and cultural awareness.

My Sister's Keeper encourages high moral and ethical standards, promotes unity and friendship among women of every color and works to alleviate problems concerning children and women in our community while serving our community as a whole.

All application materials must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2012

Getting Started

1. Obtain application.
 2. Ask your school counselor or registrar's office to send copy of your official transcript to My Sister's Keeper.
 3. Submit application, written statement, letters of recommendation, proof of community service, copy of parent's W-2 Forms, and original transcript no later than March 31, 2012.
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Evaluation Criteria

My Sister's Keeper Scholarship Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior during the 2011-2012 school year.
2. Applicant must submit a completed application.
3. Applicant must have a 3.0 or greater grade-point average from the time of application through the completion of the 12th grade.
4. Applicant must submit proof of community service activities in the form of a letter on official organization letterhead.
5. Applicant must submit two letters of recommendations from community representatives including, but not limited to, a supervisor, religious leader, teacher or counselor.
6. Applicant must submit scholarship application and all required documents by Saturday, March 31, 2012. Failure to follow the application guidelines or to meet this deadline may result in disqualification.

To apply for a scholarship, complete application form and mail completed application form and mail completed application and attachments, to include official high school transcript and written essay, to *My Sister's Keeper*, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1566, Waldorf, MD 20604.

Additional Information

The My Sister's Keeper Scholarship will be awarded based on a comprehensive and quality application with supporting documents. In addition, awards will be based on the evaluation criteria. High School grades will be considered but are not the only basis for selection.

At least one scholarship will be awarded annually for up to \$1,000. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail and will be recognized during the My Sister's Keeper Scholarship Luncheon in June.

Funds will be released upon receipt of proof of registration into a four-year college or university and final high school transcript. Proof of registration must be on official college or university letterhead. Scholarship checks will be forwarded directly to the bursar's office made payable to the scholarship recipient and the college. There will be a check for \$500 sent at the start of each semester.

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Upon completion, mail to P.O. Box 1566, Waldorf, MD 20604

PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial):

Address:

Telephone Number (include area code):

E-mail address:

Mother's/Guardian's Name:

Father's/Guardian's Name:

What is the total annual income in your household?

How many people reside in your household?

How many people are attending college in your household?

What is your mother's/father's highest level of education?

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PART II: EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of High School and Address (include city, state and zip code):

Name of High School Counselor and Telephone Number:

Cumulative Grade-Point Average (Note: Transcripts must be provided directly from school to MSK in a sealed envelope): _____

College Admission Composite Test Scores: SAT _____ ACT _____

EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Expected College Major: _____

Career Goal:

Please identify each of the colleges/universities to which you have applied. Please attach a separate sheet of paper if needed.

Name and Location of School: _____

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Note: Please attach copies of all score reports as requested in number four of the list of attachments.

PART III: WRITTEN ESSAYS (Each essay should be between 300-500 words)

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a typed essay describing how a college education will better prepare you to become a vital part of your current community. For the second essay, describe why you think you deserve this scholarship. Each essay should be no more than two pages each (double-spaced) in length and include the applicant's name.

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PART IV: RECOMMENDATIONS

Two letters of recommendation must accompany your application. One letter must be from a teacher, counselor or principal at your high school. The second letter must be from a person who can verify your involvement in community service and/or religious activities. Applications submitted without supporting documentation will not be considered.

The letters of recommendation should clearly identify the name of the student, high school and address why the student deserves support. All letters should be submitted in sealed envelopes and enclosed in the final application package.

PART V: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please describe, in detail, your involvement or participation in any of the following areas:

HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS/ATHLETICS/COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS/RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEER SERVICE

PART VI: REAPPLICATION

Those who have previously applied for scholarships are encouraged to apply again. It is the intention of My Sister's Keeper to award at least one scholarship to a student who has received a scholarship from MSK in the past.

PART VII: GRANTEES

The Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and selects the scholarship winner. The winner will be notified of the selection by mail by Monday, April 30, 2012. All decisions by the Scholarship Committee are final.

PARENT/STUDENT SIGNATURE

I hereby affirm that the information I have presented in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I hereby understand that any information submitted falsely will result in forfeiture of the scholarship. I hereby grant My Sister's Keeper representatives to obtain information from my guidance counselor regarding this application. (Note: Both parent and applicant signatures are required.)

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

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SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

Date:

Name of Student:

Last Name	First Name	MI
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Name of person submitting recommendation:

Local Address:

City

State

Zip

Phone:

Relationship to Applicant:

Job Title/Position:

Name of Employer (if applicable):

1. What do you consider to be the applicants' strengths?
2. What do you consider to be the applicants' weaknesses?

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3. List related experiences (e.g., school activities, work history, volunteer service, etc., continue on a separate sheet of paper), and/or attach a resume.

*Please attach your letter of recommendation to this form.

On behalf of the My Sister's Keeper Scholarship Committee,
we thank you for submitting this recommendation and appreciate your support.

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On behalf of the My Sister's Keeper Scholarship Committee,
we thank you for submitting this recommendation and appreciate your support.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Dear Applicant,

The members of My Sister's Keeper are pleased you are applying for a scholarship.

The following checklist should make the application process easier for you (for your convenience, you may check these items off as you proceed through the scholarship process).

- The application form is completed; typed is preferred. Please visit our Web site to download an application.
- Your typed essays follow the outlined contained in the application form. It must also be written with proper English grammar and structure.
- One recommendation from a supervisor, religious leader, teacher or counselor.
- One recommendation from a person who can verify involvement in community service and/or religious activities.

*Please be sure to give your recommenders advance notice of your request, so they have plenty of time to submit this information to our office within the specified time frame.

- Current transcript is attached.
- Proof of community service.
- Copy of parent(s) W-2 Forms.
- A wallet-size photo is attached.
- The application is signed by you.

The final date for submission is Saturday, March 31, 2012. A completed application plus your essay, recommendation, and transcripts must be postmarked or received by that date. Otherwise, your application will not be considered.

Thank you for your interest in a My Sister's Keeper Scholarship and best wishes!

Sincerely,
Scholarship Committee
My Sister's Keeper

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