



The
Sunflower
INITIATIVE

Guidance Deadline: 3/8/12

IS OFFERING

A \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP

FOR A

YOUNG WOMAN

ATTENDING A WOMAN'S COLLEGE

The Sunflower Initiative, Inc. (TSI) is a 501 (c)(3) corporation formed by a group of alumnae of Randolph-Macon Woman's College for the purpose of supporting women attending women's colleges. Its first scholarship, the Harriet Fitzgerald Scholarship, in the amount of \$10,000, will be awarded for academic year 2012-13.

The Scholarship Committee of TSI will consider applications postmarked on or before March 15, 2012.

The recipient must be academically motivated; she must possess a stellar high school record, strong references, and a desire to make a contribution to society.

Visit us online at www.thesunflowerinitiative.com to read more about the value of a woman's college education and to download an application for the Harriet Fitzgerald Scholarship.



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The Harriet Fitzgerald Scholarship Overview

The Sunflower Initiative, established and supported by alumnae and friends of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, offers the Harriet Fitzgerald Scholarship to honor one of the most distinguished alumnae of Randolph-Macon Woman's College. It will provide a promising young woman with financial support to attend an undergraduate woman's college, where her intellect and talents will be nurtured to enable her to participate fully and productively in public life, just as Randolph-Macon women were educated for community and public involvement. Criteria for selection include academic ability, character, and leadership qualities, as well as breadth and depth of interests. The first Harriet Fitzgerald Scholarship will be awarded for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will notify the winner of the award in April of 2012 and at that time the winner will be presented with a check for half the award amount. The remainder of the award will be presented at the beginning of the second semester of the student's first year. In the event that the student also receives a tuition discount or scholarship from the institution she has chosen, the Fitzgerald Scholarship will cover costs not covered by the college.

The application deadline is March 15, 2012. The application must include the following materials:

- A completed application form
- An official high school transcript or GED;
- An official report of SAT or ACT scores;
- A 500-word personal essay on interests, goals and accomplishments, and the advantages of a woman's college in fulfilling the applicant's long-term goals;
- One recommendation from a teacher and two from community members (club adviser, employer, or other non-family);
- Names of women's colleges to which the applicant has applied.

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Harriet Fitzgerald Scholarship Application 2012-2013: Instructions

This application is to be filled out by a female graduating high school senior. Applications are also available on our website at www.thesunflowerinitiative.com. They must be postmarked on or before March 15, 2012 and mailed to

Selection Committee
Harriet Fitzgerald Scholarship
Sunflower Initiative
P.O. Box 378
Bedford, VA 24523

An email confirmation of receipt of the application will be sent to you. Please contact us if you have not received confirmation within two weeks of submission.

Please initial that each required item is enclosed. Partial applications will not be considered.

- Completed application form
- Three letters of recommendation, each in a sealed and signed envelope
- Essay of 500 words, typed and double-spaced, using 12 point font
- Official copy of high school transcripts

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General Information

Name: _____

Birth Date _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

High School(s): _____ Date attended

_____ Date attended _____

High school honors/awards:

Extracurricular activities

Community activities in high school:

Work experience:

Women's colleges applying or applied to:

Signature of Student _____

Signature of Guidance Counselor _____

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Academic Summary Form

SAT Scores _____

Date Taken _____

or

ACT Scores: English _____ Math _____ Reading _____
ETC.

Date Taken _____

Cumulative GPA through mid-year of this year:
weighted _____ unweighted _____

The information supplied above is accurate and is submitted for review by the
Harriet Fitzgerald Scholarship Selection Committee.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Guidance Counselor's Signature

Date

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Personal Essay

Please submit a typed, double-spaced essay of approximately 500 words on your interests, accomplishments, and goals. Explain what activities have mattered most to you, what has inspired you, what you want from a college education, and why attending a woman's college is important to the achievement of your goals. Organization and clarity in presenting your ideas will be central in the evaluation of this essay.

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Recommendation Letter

To the recommender: Please type your recommendation and limit it to one page double-spaced. The recommendation can be typed on this form or on letterhead and attached to this form. Place it in a sealed envelope with your signature across the sealed margin and return it to the applicant to be included in the application package. The selection committee will appreciate your evaluation of the student's academic ability, character, and leadership potential.

Evaluator's Name _____

Evaluator's Relation to Applicant _____

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