

Eliminating Achievement Gaps, Inc. (EAG) Ava Maria Whittemore Memorial Scholarship Application

Eliminating Achievement Gaps, Inc. (EAG) is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for its 2018 Ava Maria Whittemore Memorial Scholarship. EAG will award **TWO - \$1,000 scholarships** to an eligible Frederick County college bound high school senior.

About the Scholarship

The EAG Ava Maria Whittemore Memorial Scholarship is named in honor of a dedicated champion of education and one of EAG's founding members. Ava Maria Whittemore, more commonly known as Maria, was a native of Frederick County, Maryland. To say Maria was passionate about education is an understatement. She dedicated her life to ensuring the educational needs of all students were addressed and their potential realized. Her journey to becoming a pioneer and champion for education began at an early age. In 1957, an eight-year old Maria Whittemore was among the first Black students to integrate the all-white Walkersville Elementary School, ending racial segregation of public schools in Frederick County. This major milestone was merely the beginning. Maria later graduated from Walkersville High School and went on to earn a BS in psychology from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, followed by a MA in School Administration from Hood College. Upon her graduation from Lincoln University, Maria returned to Frederick County where she began her 45-year tenure with Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS). She worked as a teacher and later an Assistant Principal at several FCPS elementary and middle schools. She eventually transitioned to the Board of Education Central Office where she served as the FCPS Multicultural Education and Minority Achievement Coordinator.

Award recipients will be invited to attend the 1st Annual Ava Maria Whittemore Scholarship dinner in the summer of 2018, at which time a certificate will be presented. **Monetary award will be presented to the winner upon written verification from the college/university that the individual has enrolled. An actual enrollment letter (not acceptance) and/or class schedule is required. Awards must be claimed within 18 months after the date of the award letter to be valid.**

Scholarship Criteria Checklist:

- Graduating senior
- Cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale
- Personal statement
- Essay: 500-700 words
- 2 Letters of Recommendation (one must be from a high school teacher)
- Official Transcript
- Wallet sized photo (photos are used for public relations purposes)
- Completed application
- Community service hours

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REMINDER!

You must provide all requested documentation. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

General Instructions

1. A hard copy of completed application packet should be postmarked by Wednesday, May 16, 2018.
2. Sign the hard copy application.
3. Review and complete the application checklist.
4. Points of contact – Jay Mason, jay@vcre.co
Kelly Smith, kellysmith512@gmail.com

Return the original hard copy application
packet postmarked by

Wednesday, May 16, 2018
to:

Eliminating Achievement Gaps, Inc. (EAG)
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 3462
Frederick, MD 21705

Personal Information (please type or print)

Last name	First Name	M.I.	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Home Address	City	State	Zip Code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Home Number	Cell Number	E-mail address	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
High School	School Address		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		

Personal Information – cont. (please type or print)

GPA	Anticipated Date of Graduation	Date of Birth
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Intended College/University	Major (if known)	Have you been accepted?

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Honors and Awards

Please provide information on any special honors or awards you have received.

Extracurricular Activities

Please provide information on extracurricular or outside activities (i.e., clubs, sports, church, etc.) in which you have participated. Identify positions of leadership in all activities.

Community Service, Service Learning or Volunteer Experience

Please provide information about any volunteer or community service work you have done.

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Work Experience

Please provide information about any work experience.

Letters of Recommendation

Please provide two typed-written and sealed letters of recommendation:

- a) An academic letter of recommendation from a faculty or staff member from your school who is familiar with your academic achievements and abilities, and
- b) A community service letter of recommendation – including the number of community service hours earned.

Instruct your references to sign their name across the seal of the envelope. Applications without the required references will not be considered.

Academic Transcript

Please submit an official transcript. Transcript should be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked “issued to student”.

Essay

Please submit a typed essay between 500 - 700 words in response to the following topic:

- 1. Reflect on current events over the past year. Pick one event.**

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- a. What have you learned from the actions and characteristics of local, state, or national leaders in response to the event?
- b. Explain, how the leader's actions or characteristics positively and/or negatively impacted you.
- c. In the future, how will you use what you learned when faced with adverse social injustices?

The essay must be original, neither previously published nor secured by copyright. The essay must be between 500 and 700 words in length. Three type-written, double-spaced copies must be submitted. The following information must appear on the first page in this manner:

Title: _____

Your Name: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Name & Address of High School: _____

Persons submitting manuscripts thereby grant **Eliminating Achievement Gaps, Inc. (EAG)**, the right to keep the manuscripts and to exercise full publishing rights to them. The manuscripts must adequately address the essay topic. Scholarship winners may be required to furnish written proof that they were enrolled in their respective high school at the time their essay was submitted.

RATING CRITERIA FOR ESSAYS

1. **Development of Topic/Thesis:** (30 possible pts.) Well developed topic - states and develops major points, offers sufficient information for understanding
2. **Progression:** (20 possible pts.) Composition progresses from beginning to end in a logical flow
3. **Readability:** (25 possible pts.) Clear and concise - sticks to the point (without rambling) and holds the reader's attention
4. **Grammar:** (15 possible pts.) Agreement of subject and verb, proper tense, proper sentence structure, etc.
5. **Spelling:** (5 possible pts.)
6. **Punctuation:** (5 possible pts.)

Personal Statement

Briefly tell us about yourself including your aspirations and how receiving this scholarship will help you achieve your goals. Limit your statement to one double-spaced type written page.

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Applicant Certification

I, the undersigned, certify that the information supplied by me in this application is complete, true, and correct. I also understand that if I am selected, the monetary award will be disbursed upon official certification of my enrollment in an accredited college or university.

I agree that if selected, my name and/or photograph may be used for publicity purposes by EAG. All information included in this application packet will be retained by EAG.

I also agree to grant EAG the right to keep the manuscripts and to exercise full publishing rights to them.

I certify that I have read and understand the information above.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date