



# MASON DREAM CATCHERS PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*The application must be completed on the computer and then printed.  
No handwritten applications will be accepted. You can save this file to your desktop  
or other easily accessible folder until it is complete and ready to print.*

## Cover Sheet

**Directions:** Complete the following information:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

High School/Nontraditional Program Attended During Dream Catchers Program:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## Extracurricular Activities

**Directions:** List below your participation in school and community activities.

Name of Activity	Description	Hrs/Wk	Dates

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## **EMPLOYMENT**

**Directions:** List below your employment experience.

<b>Employment</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Hrs/Wk</b>	<b>Dates</b>

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## **Paragraph One**

**Directions:** Write a paragraph in the space below of 150 words or less on the following topic:

Explain how your experience with the Mason Dream Catchers impacted you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## **Paragraph Two**

**Directions:** Write a paragraph in the space below of 150 words or less on the following topic:

Discuss any challenges or obstacles you have overcome and how the experience has made a difference in your life or the lives of others.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

### **Paragraph Three**

**Directions:** Write a paragraph in the space below of 150 words or less on the following topic:

Describe your future goal(s) and tell us how winning this scholarship will help you attain your goal(s).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## **Letters of Reference**

### **Directions:**

- You must submit two letters of recommendation. Each letter must be included in your application packet.
- The letters must come from an adult (not a relative) who can describe your involvement in extracurricular activities, school work, community activities, or employment.
- Reference forms with instructions are included at the end of this application.
- Print the reference form pages and give to each one of your two references.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## Summary Page

A complete application packet (all of the information on the checklist below) must be mailed in one envelope for your application to be reviewed by the selection committee. Please do not fold or staple your completed application. Incomplete application packets will not be considered.

Complete this checklist of all the items included in your application packet:

- \_\_\_ Application pages are NOT folded or stapled.
- \_\_\_ Cover Sheet (page 1) is complete.
- \_\_\_ Extracurricular and employment information forms (pages 2-3) are complete.
- \_\_\_ Paragraph One (page 4) is complete.
- \_\_\_ Paragraph Two (page 5) is complete.
- \_\_\_ Paragraph Three (page 6) is complete.
- \_\_\_ Two letters of recommendation (last two pages of application) are included in the packet.
- \_\_\_ Unofficial Transcript of your current higher education institution is included in the packet.
- \_\_\_ Name and email address on each page.

Please check if you have met the qualifications to apply for the scholarship:

- \_\_\_ I actively participated in the Mason Dream Catchers Program (please indicate year: \_\_\_\_\_).
- \_\_\_ I have completed at least one semester at a higher education institution.

Indicate your agreement, by signing the following:

I attest to the accuracy of the information in my application. If selected as a Mason Dream Catchers Scholar, I grant permission to the selection committee to verify the information I have provided and to obtain an official transcript if necessary. I will provide to the Program a current photo and grant permission for my name, photo, school, and college name to be used in scholarship announcements.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your complete application packet, postmarked no later than February 28, 2019 to the address listed below:

Dr. Karen A Kitching, Coordinator  
Mason Dream Catchers Program  
George Mason University  
4400 University Drive, MSN5F4  
Fairfax, VA 22030



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## Reference Letter One

### Directions for Reference Writer:

The Mason Dream Catchers Program steering committee thanks you for participating in our scholarship program by providing a reference for the student named below. Please describe this scholarship applicant's abilities, character, and **any special circumstances** that you believe are important for the scholarship committee to know in making their selection. You may submit your letter on a separate sheet of paper.

**Please note:** This letter is part of the total application packet to be sent to us by the student. You may place your recommendation in a sealed envelope and return it to the applicant.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and position: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## Reference Letter Two

### Directions for Reference Writer:

The Mason Dream Catchers Program steering committee thanks you for participating in our scholarship program by providing a reference for the student named below. Please describe this scholarship applicant's abilities, character, and **any special circumstances** that you believe are important for the scholarship committee to know in making their selection. You may submit your letter on a separate sheet of paper.

**Please note:** This letter is part of the total application packet to be sent to us by the student. You may place your recommendation in a sealed envelope and return it to the applicant.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and position: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_