

Guidelines for the Garrett County Commission for Women (GCCW) – The Maureen R. Sharps Scholarship Applicants

Purpose of the scholarship

This scholarship was created in memory of Maureen R. Sharps, a Garrett County Educator, to help a female resident of Garrett County complete her educational requirements leading to a degree preferably in education. The scholarship may be used to attend an academic program at Garrett Community College or a four-year institution.

Who is eligible for this scholarship?

To be eligible, the woman must be a resident of Garrett County for at least 5 years, at least 20 years of age and at least two years past her high school graduation or GED. She may be already enrolled in a college or be applying for entrance into such a program. She must be able to demonstrate financial need as well as demonstrate the ability and character to succeed. Previous applicants and recipients are welcome to apply.

How much is the scholarship?

The GCCW Maureen R. Sharps Scholarship will be offering one (1) \$5000 scholarship at a rate of \$2500 per semester for the 2018-19 Academic Year. The scholarship payment will be directly to the Burser of the college after an invoice is submitted to the GCCW. The Scholarship will be awarded at the Hall of Fame Breakfast on April 7, 2018 at Dutch's Silvertree.

How is the scholarship recipient chosen?

The Commission for Women will establish a Confidential Selection Committee which will rank the applicants according to the following:

- An official transcript of her last semester from the program she is currently attending and/or a letter of acceptance from the program she wishes to attend;
- A completed Commission for Women [Scholarship Application](#) Form;
- A letter of reference from a faculty member who knows her work well; or a letter of reference from a community member well versed in the applicant's plans and prospects.
- Missing or incomplete data, particularly with regard to financial need, will count against the applicant.

What are the responsibilities of the scholarship recipient?

She must attend the program for 2 semesters for which she has made her scholarship request in the 2018-19 Academic Year. Complete her work in that program with a GPA of a B or better. She must also be willing to be photographed and have her story used locally for publicity purposes. At the end of the academic year, she will send the Garrett County Commission for Women a report on her work.

What is the deadline and to whom is the application sent?

The scholarship form is available in paper format at the Garrett County Public Libraries or the Garrett College Financial Aid office, and on line at the Commission for Women website at GCCW.info. Completed application packets are due to GCCW by March 1, 2018 by sending the application to gccwinfo@gmail.com . Questions about the application process may be addressed to gccwinfo@gmail.com .

The GCCW Maureen R. Sharps Scholarship Application

(Click on the "GCCW Scholarship Application" above to [download](#) the fillable form as a [PDF](#).)

The GCCW Maureen R. Sharps Scholarship for the 2018-19 Academic Year

Application Form: (please attach a separate sheet if additional space is needed)

1. Full Name _____
Date of Birth _____
2. Address _____
3. Telephone (home) _____ Telephone (cell) _____
4. E-mail (please print clearly) _____
5. Occupation (if other than a full-time student) _____
6. Annual Salary/Income \$ _____
7. Full/Part Time _____
8. Please list all sources of employment income:

9. Tell us about your community/social/civic organizations or activities. _____

10. Tell us about your educational plans.

11. What school are you attending or plan to attend (Attach transcript or Letter of Acceptance)?

12. What program or degree path will you be studying?

13. What courses do you plan to take next semester?

14. What is the cost of this program per semester?

15. What are your plans for financing your education?

16. What other scholarships have you applied for or received (from whom, when, amount)?

17. What else would you like the Selection Committee to know about you?

Please use additional space to share your ideas.

I hereby certify that the information provided on this Scholarship Application is true and accurate to the best of my belief. I have been a resident of Garrett County for the past five years. I have included with this application a copy of any transcripts of previous college level work (or of my high school grades or my GED certificate), Letter of Acceptance from the school and program I wish to enter, and one letter of reference (work or school related). The GCCW Selection Committee must receive your application packet no later than March 1, 2018. Applications must be complete and will not be accepted if all the required documents are not in the packet. Completed applications must be sent to gccwinfo@gmail.com

Signature of Applicant

Date

Attachments:

1. Copy of any transcripts of previous college level work (or of my high school grades or my GED certificate)
2. Letter of Acceptance from the school and program I wish to enter
3. One letter of reference (work or school related)