

2019 LAURA E. WALLEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WILDE LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Laura E. Wallen was a gifted teacher who joined the Howard County Public School System in 2007 as a social studies teacher at Murray Hill Middle School. After seven years as a seventh grade teacher she transferred to Wilde Lake High School in 2014 where she worked until her untimely death in September 2017. She received her undergraduate degree at Towson University and her graduate degree at the University of Maryland. Laura Wallen believed in the amazing potential of each of her students and in each person's ability to have a positive impact in their community and on our world. She traveled to many countries and embraced new cultures as adventures that she shared with her students. As an educator, she changed the lives of many by engaging them in ancient and modern history as well as current affairs and law. This memorial scholarship embodies Laura Wallen's values and her belief in the power and potential of the students at Wilde Lake High School.

Two scholarships are offered for a demonstrated commitment to a just, diverse society and leadership in school and community activities specific to social justice. The scholarships also encourage continued excellence in post-secondary education to include pursuing a social science degree from an accredited college, university or 2 - year community college.

The applicant must:

1. be a student graduating from Wilde Lake High School in 2019
2. have demonstrated a personal understanding of diversity and social justice
3. have demonstrated a personal commitment to affecting positive change related to social justice, particularly for traditionally underserved communities
4. declare intent to major in a social science degree focused on understanding the workings of human society. Examples include but are not limited to anthropology, sociology, psychology, political science, geography, criminology or cultural studies.
5. include the résumé, essay, academic report, and community service matrix
6. secure signatures from your parent, guardian, or caregiver and WLHS Guidance Counselor
7. submit two Scholarship Recommendation forms
8. complete and sign the application form

If selected, the scholarship check will be made payable to each recipient's college or university, and mailed after the Bright Minds Foundation receives a completed award letter from the student recipient.

The deadline for submitting your application is April 23, 2019. Use the enclosed checklist to determine if your application is complete. Deliver your completed application to the WLHS Student Service Office.



CHECKLIST

- ___ **RESUMÉ** – ensure your resumé includes the impact of your accomplishments – this will help distinguish you from other applicants.

- ___ **ESSAY** – write at least 500 but no more than 750 words.

- ___ **SIGNATURES** – are required from one parent/guardian/caregiver and you.

- ___ **ACADEMIC REPORT** – include an official transcript of your academic records through the first semester of the twelfth grade, stamped and signed by the school.

- ___ **COMMUNITY SERVICE MATRIX** – include all of your service and emphasize the outcomes to demonstrate your impact on the community.

- ___ **RECOMMENDATIONS** – Allow at least one week for your reference persons to return the forms to you in a sealed envelope with your name on the front. They should sign the sealed flap of the envelope.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION - *Please Print*

Name:	_____	Age:	_____
Date of Birth:	_____	Gender:	_____
Address:	_____		
City:	_____	Zip:	_____
Home Phone:	_____	Cell Phone:	_____
Email:	_____	Graduation Date:	_____

PARENT/GUARDIAN/CAREGIVER INFORMATION:

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Guardian's Name: _____

Caregiver's Name: _____

If there are any financial circumstances about which the Scholarship Committee should be aware, please attach this information with your application.

CONTINUING YOUR EDUCATION ... To which colleges, universities, or post-secondary programs have you applied?

What program of study do you plan to pursue? _____



RESUMÉ - Attach your resumé. Include the high school awards or honors you have received.

ESSAY - Whether demonstrated through your academics, work, or volunteerism, service to others, particularly underserved communities, is a quality that should shine throughout your life's endeavors. Leadership positions like student body president are impressive on your resume; however, it is more important to utilize your leadership abilities to help others or to bring about change. Please address the following:

- Recall your most meaningful experience, a time you were inspired to create positive change, or an impactful experience working with someone different from yourself. Emphasis should be placed on how you overcame obstacles and the ***impact you made***.
 - Describe what inspired your action, what you learned from the experience and how it influenced and/or shaped who you are today.
 - Provide enough detail to show the depth of your commitment and concrete accomplishments that indicate the significance of your achievement.
- The goals you plan to pursue upon completion of your education and how this scholarship will help you achieve these goals.

The Essay should be typewritten with 1-inch margins in 12-point font and 500-750 words.

COMMUNITY SERVICE MATRIX - Complete the Community Service Matrix by detailing the school and community service activities in which you have participated. Focus on how your ***service to others*** has impacted the community you served. You should also include what you have learned from each experience.

REFERENCES - List the names and contact information of two references. One must be from the school and the other may be from the school or community. Each person listed must complete the Scholarship Recommendation Form on page 6 or 7 and return it in a sealed envelope to be submitted with the application.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____

REQUIRED SIGNATURES:

Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

**Parent, Guardian
or Caregiver:** _____ **Date:** _____



SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

Applicant's Name: _____

Recommending Person's Information:

Name: _____

Address/Place of Business: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

From your observations and knowledge, please rate the student by circling a number:

	Outstanding	Excellent	Fair	Poor	Not Recommended
Scholarship	5	4	3	2	1
Service to Others	5	4	3	2	1
Character	5	4	3	2	1
Potential for College Success	5	4	3	2	1
Commitment to Social Justice	5	4	3	2	1

Include additional information about the applicant in the space below or in an attached letter.

Letter of Recommendation attached: Yes ____ No ____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please place this form in an envelope, seal it, sign the flap, and return to the applicant.



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