



**Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education
2019 Ruth E. Derfler Memorial Scholarship Application**

APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2019

PLEASE NOTE:

- Due to the generosity of donors to the Ruth E. Derfler Memorial Scholarship Fund, the 2019 scholarship award will be \$1,000.
- Scholarship application must be completed by applicant.
- Incomplete applications may not be considered. Applicant should make sure all required materials are submitted, preferably together.
- Scholarship award will be given at NETWORK on FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019. IF SELECTED, THE STUDENT MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP.
- For questions, please email mcaeawards@gmail.com

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Your name: _____

Your street address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone number: _____

Cell phone number (if you have one): _____

Email address (if you have one): _____

APPLICANT'S ADULT BASIC EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

The name of your Adult Basic Education program: _____

Program's street address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Were you a: ___ HiSET or GED student
___ student in another high school credential program (ADP, EDP)
___ a student in a transition to college program
___ an ESOL student
___ other (Please describe: _____)

When did you enter this program? _____

When did you complete this program? _____

APPLICANT'S EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Your career goal:

Your field of study: _____

The name of the college, community college, university, or post secondary training program you will attend: **Please attach the letter of acceptance.**

When will your studies begin? Month _____ Year _____

What courses will you take?

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

What are your expected expenses for your upcoming semester:

- tuition and fees: \$ _____
 - books and supplies: \$ _____
 - transportation: \$ _____
 - childcare: \$ _____
- TOTAL** \$ _____

What resources do you have to pay for these expenses:

- personal contribution from job earnings or savings \$ _____
 - family contributions \$ _____
 - financial aid: \$ _____
 - other scholarships: \$ _____
- TOTAL** \$ _____

If you plan to work during the year, describe your job.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Please ask 2 staff members at your adult basic education program to each send a letter of recommendation for you to mcaeawards@gmail.com.

YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT (500 WORDS)

- Please tell us about your personal and educational experiences, your involvement in your adult basic education program and in your community, and your plans for your future.

- In your statement, remember to discuss:
 - why you decided to continue your education
 - what educational goals you have achieved
 - how you have participated in your adult basic program and in your community
 - what challenges you have faced as you pursued your education
 - what your goals are for the future and how more education will help you achieve them

YOUR AGREEMENT

If I am awarded the 2019 Ruth E. Derfler Memorial Scholarship, I agree to inform the Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education if I am unable to pursue my studies as I have described in this application. I understand that I may have to return the amount of the Scholarship to MCAE.

I understand that if I receive a scholarship, I must be present to accept it in person at the NETWORK Conference on Friday, May 10, 2019.

Your signature _____

Date _____

IMPORTANT!

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE ON MARCH 15, 2019

Please be sure to:

1. Sign your scholarship application.
2. Attach a copy of your letter of acceptance from the college, community college, university, or training program you plan to attend.
3. Attach your personal statement.
4. Email your completed application to mcaeawards@gmail.com by **March 15, 2019**. Incomplete applications may not be considered.
5. Have 2 staff at your ABE program send their letters of recommendation directly to MCAE at mcaeawards@gmail.com.
6. Email any questions to mcaeawards@gmail.com.