



**Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education  
2017 Ruth Derfler Memorial Scholarship Application**

**DEADLINE: APRIL 14, 2017**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- *Scholarship award is \$750.*
- *Scholarship application must be completed by applicant.*
- *Scholarship award will be given at NETWORK on FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2017. IF SELECTED, THE STUDENT **MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP.***
- *For questions, please email [mcaeawards@gmail.com](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Its 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:

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Your field of study:

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

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When will your studies begin? Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

What courses will you take?

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**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:

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| ▪ personal contribution from job earnings or savings | \$ _____ |
| ▪ family contributions                               | \$ _____ |
| ▪ financial aid:                                     | \$ _____ |
| ▪ other scholarships:                                | \$ _____ |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | \$ _____ |

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

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### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Please ask **2** staff members at your adult basic education program to send a letter of recommendation for you to [mcaeawards@gmail.com](mailto: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.
- 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 a Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education 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 12, 2017**.

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

### **IMPORTANT: – PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE:**

- **Sign your scholarship application;**
- **Attach a copy of your letter of acceptance from the college, community college, university, or training program you plan to attend;**
- **Attach your personal statement; and**
- **2 staff at your ABE program should send references directly to MCAE at [mcaeawards@gmail.com](mailto:mcaeawards@gmail.com).**

**Please send your completed application to MCAE via email:**

**Email: [mcaeawards@gmail.com](mailto:mcaeawards@gmail.com)**

**For more information or questions, please contact [mcaeawards@gmail.com](mailto:mcaeawards@gmail.com)**