

THE LEEVER FOUNDATION

Harold & Ruth Ann Leever Scholarship: 2012

The Leever Foundation, which exists through the generosity and vision of Harold and Ruth Ann Leever, has an established college and university scholarship program with grants up to \$5,200 per recipient each year, based on a consideration of merit and financial need. This scholarship program is available to the children of MacDermid employees worldwide.

Historically, there are 4 scholarships available for each of the four years of undergraduate study, for a maximum of 16 scholarships in any given year. However, the amount and number of scholarships will be determined on a year-to-year basis, with priority towards renewing existing scholarships.

The Scholarship Committee of the Connecticut Community Foundation, which is composed of individuals totally independent and separate from The Leever Foundation and MacDermid, selects the recipients of the scholarships based on the information submitted by the applicant.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be the child or stepchild of a current MacDermid employee. Once awarded, neither a grant nor a grant renewal for subsequent years, is subject to the continued employment at MacDermid of the student's parent.

The scholarships are available to high school students or adults entering freshman year, and for students currently in college earning an undergraduate degree. The scholarships are equally available for any academic discipline or degree. The student must be entering a full 2 semester year. This scholarship program does not include internships or add-on assignments that follow the senior year of study.

The student must attend or be attending an accredited college or university in countries where an accreditation system exists. If an accreditation system does not exist, then this requirement is waived.

The scholarships are awarded on several determining factors:

- Consideration is given based on review of academic record, extra-curricular activities, work experience, financial need, one recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor, and an essay. In addition, priority consideration is given to students in good standing (a C+ or 2.5 GPA, or better) who are re-applying for subsequent years (up to 4 years) of their undergraduate education, and who show financial need.
- The scholarships are equally available to students who are at the top of their class, and those who have shown academic promise and motivation, but are not necessarily at the top of their class. Academic record is a factor, but not the ultimate competitive criteria.
- The student's overall desire to pursue an education, to improve himself or herself, and the extent to which the scholarship will improve the student's potential, will also be a significant consideration in awarding the grants.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE HAROLD & RUTH ANN LEEVER SCHOLARSHIP

In order to be considered for the scholarship, students must submit:

- a completed application (attached)
- a high school or college transcript (an unofficial transcript is sufficient, but it must have the student's full name authentically printed on it)
- information regarding extracurricular activities / work experience
- a completed essay (directions on second page of application)
- a recommendation from a guidance counselor or teacher (directions on last page of application)

If a student is selected as a scholarship recipient, he/she may be asked in June to submit a copy of the Student Aid Report (**SAR**) from the US Department of Education, or a copy of the financial award letter from the school the applicant plans to attend. If the student is outside the U. S., the financial aid information from the application form will be used solely.

Students who were previously awarded a Foundation scholarship and are re-applying do not need to submit a recommendation or a new essay. They should submit a completed application form, a transcript of their grades, the extra curricular activities and the work experience performed since their last application to the Foundation.

*** All new (first time) applicants must send:** 1 original set of **all materials listed above (with original forms and signatures)** **AND** 4 additional sets (**copies**) of **all materials** (total of 5 sets).

Awards will be announced in June.

All of the application information must be received by the Foundation on or before March 15th, 2012.

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TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

If you are a high school senior or have never been enrolled full-time in college, you must include a high school transcript. If you are now or have been enrolled as a full-time college student, you must include your most recently available college transcript. If your situation is different from those stated, call the Connecticut Community Foundation at (203) 753-1315, and ask for the Scholarship Program Director.

High school seniors must have the following section completed by a school official:

Student ranks _____ in a class of _____ Cumulative GPA _____ PSAT/SAT Verbal _____ Math _____
Official's Signature _____ Title _____
Date _____ Telephone (____) _____

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Attach additional sheet if necessary)

List all school, community and individual activities in which you have participated in the last four years (sports, arts, student government, clubs, volunteer projects, etc.)

Activity	No. of Years Participated	Special Honors, Offices Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

WORK EXPERIENCE

List any paid work experiences you have had in the past four years.

Position	Dates From (Month/Year)	Dates To (Month/Year)	Hours/Week	Total Earned
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

ESSAY

Please complete an essay on the following topic:

What are my personal goals and how will a higher education help me attain those goals?

Explain how you selected your major and how it fits with your goals. The essay must be typed and double-spaced. Maximum length is front and back of one 8 1/2" x 11" sheet. Longer essays **WILL NOT** be accepted.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM B: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following form **must** be completed in its entirety in order for the applicant to be considered for a scholarship award. Forms that are **not** complete will absolutely not be processed. *Please state all amounts in US dollars.*

Section I: Parent/Guardians Income, Federal Tax and Assets: Please use information from your previous year's 1040 tax return to complete this section. If item is not applicable- please note "N/A" – do not leave item blank. In the case of divorced family situation, use both columns to supply information on both parents' finances.

Section II: Student Income and Assets: Complete this section based on applicant's own income. If applicant is self-supporting, all financial information can be included in this section (i.e. lines 1-6 Parent/Guardian Income- not required).

Section III: Education Costs vs. Sources of Financial Support: Use this table to detail all estimated educational costs and all financial support for the upcoming academic year. Applicable educational costs include tuition, room and board, books, school fees, commuting costs etc. Applicable sources of financial support include subsidized and unsubsidized loans, grants (federal, state and college/university), work-study aid, summer earning that you will apply to your education costs, and your family contribution. Your education costs should balance with your financial aid support. Example: if you are showing \$25,000 in tuition, room and board and other costs, you must show us \$25,000 in estimated financial aid (through all the different sources) to cover those costs. It is very important that these figures are as accurate as possible. If, at the time you are completing this form, you are not certain of exact sources of financial support for the upcoming academic year, we ask that you contact your chosen college's financial aid office for guidance in estimating these figures. Or, if you are already in college, use information from your previous school year's financial award package. Do not leave the support section blank or use "?" marks to indicate that you do not know estimates.

Section IV: Household: Complete the data for your resident household.

Form B- Financial Information
Please state all amounts in US dollars

I. PARENTS' (OR GUARDIANS') INCOME, FEDERAL TAX AND ASSETS – If student is considered a dependent, please fill out this section (I), and all following sections on this page. (If parents filing separately, include both)

Income			
Adjusted Gross Income (from Prior Year's 1040)		\$ _____	\$ _____
Non Taxable Income (Soc. Sec., Child Support, etc.)		\$ _____	\$ _____
Total US Federal Tax Paid in Prior Year		\$ _____	\$ _____
Assets			
Cash, Savings, Checking Accounts, Investments		\$ _____	\$ _____
Home, if owned	Assessed Value	\$ _____	\$ _____
	Current Mortgage Balance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Real Estate	Assessed Value	\$ _____	\$ _____
	Current Mortgage Balance	\$ _____	\$ _____

II. STUDENT INCOME AND ASSETS – If student is fully independent of parents, complete this section (II) through section IV (no need to complete section I).

Income	
Annual Earnings from Full or Part-time Work	\$ _____
Other Income (Bank interest, etc.)	\$ _____
Assets	
Checking and Savings Accounts, Investments	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____

III. EDUCATION COSTS VS. SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

<u>COSTS</u>		<u>SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT</u>	
Tuition	\$ _____	Family/Friends Contribution	\$ _____
Room/Board	\$ _____	Loans	\$ _____
Other (specify)	\$ _____	Own Savings	\$ _____
	\$ _____	Summer Earnings	\$ _____
	\$ _____	State and Federal Aid	\$ _____
		Other Scholarships	\$ _____
TOTAL COSTS	\$ _____	TOTAL SUPPORT	\$ _____

IV. HOUSEHOLD

How many dependent children in the household (applicant included, list ages):
 Number _____ Ages _____

How many family members will be in college at least part-time this next school year (including applicant)? _____

Is there any additional information that you would like to include? Attach additional sheet if the space provided does not allow you to fully explain the circumstances. All information is kept confidential.

All of the application information provided is as complete and accurate as possible. To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, permission is hereby given to school officials to release the secondary school record and other requested information for consideration with this scholarship application.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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RECOMMENDATION GUIDELINES

All applicants for the Harold & Ruth Ann Leever Scholarship must include **one recommendation** from either a school guidance counselor or a teacher. Please be sure the student's name, and the name and title of the person completing the recommendation, are indicated.

Please bear in mind the following questions when writing about the student:

Has the student shown motivation in completing the high school curriculum and in pursuing a college education?

Does the student's academic record reflect his abilities?

Does the student show a commitment to the high school, selected institution of higher education, and/or to the community?

The recommendation, along with a completed application, transcript, and essay must be received by the Foundation on or before March 15th, 2012.

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