

## **Messiah University Family and Consumer Sciences Incoming First Year Student Scholarship Application**

Messiah University is pleased to offer scholarships to two first year students planning to pursue a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) at Messiah University. The FCS Scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000 per year for four years, assuming that the student remains an FCS major in good standing. Applications can be downloaded from our website at: <https://www.messiah.edu/hdfs>

### **BASIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The student must:

- be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S.;
- be admitted to Messiah University;
- be an entering first year student in the Fall of the scholarship year; and
- have clear professional goals with a plan to contribute to the field of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Priority will be given to a member of Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Completed **Applicant Form**.
- A **transcript** of your high school record to date.
  - Official transcript (photocopy of official transcript not acceptable); or
  - Unofficial transcript signed by an advisor, provided in a sealed envelope with the advisor's signature or a school seal across the flap.
- **One letter of recommendation** (page 5) can be completed from either your Family and Consumer Sciences teacher or another academic reference (no friends or family). Completed reference forms may be sent to Dr. Raeann R. Hamon at [rhamon@messiah.edu](mailto:rhamon@messiah.edu) with the student's name in the subject line or sent in the mail to the address provided below.
- A personal goals **essay**.

### **REVIEW PROCESS**

- Applications will be reviewed by the Human Development and Family Science (HDFS) Department Committee and applications will be assessed using the Evaluation Criteria (page 6).
- This scholarship may be received in addition to Messiah University's Provost Scholarship, but may NOT be combined with Honors Scholarships (Trustee's, President's, and Faculty Scholarships), The Martin's Scholarship (including R.H. Flowers), or other institutional Premiere Scholarships.
- The scholarship will be awarded as part of the student's Messiah University financial aid package and will be applied towards the recipient's tuition.

**DEADLINES-** Have your application postmarked by:

- March 1 for Fall admission

### **SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:**

Dr. Raeann R. Hamon  
Department of Human Development and Family Science  
Messiah University  
One University Ave. Suite 3047  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 **OR**, by email to [rhamon@messiah.edu](mailto:rhamon@messiah.edu)

## APPLICANT FORM

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### I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant Contact Information:

Last name:	First name:	Middle Name:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Home Phone Number:		Email Address:
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>
Address ( <i>Street, City, State, Zip Code</i> ):		
<input type="text"/>		

Parent/Legal Guardian Contact Information:

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Name:	Relationship to Applicant:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Home Phone Number:	Cell Phone Number:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address ( <i>Street, City, State, Zip Code</i> ):	
<input type="text"/>	

Parent's/Legal Guardian's Name:	Relationship to Applicant:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Home Phone Number:	Cell Phone Number:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address ( <i>Street, City, State, Zip Code</i> ):	
<input type="text"/>	

### II. EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School:	Date of Graduation:	Grade Point Average (GPA):
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address ( <i>Street, City, State, Zip Code</i> ):		
<input type="text"/>		

### III. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (*which you have participated in while in high school*)

Please include Community and/or Volunteer Work, Religious Involvement Activities, and School activities (*i.e. clubs, social groups, etc.*). If additional space is required, please attach a separate list.

Date	Activity/Organization	Role	Duties
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

**IV. RECOGNITIONS**

Please indicate any honors, awards, or scholarships you have received. If additional space is required, please attach a separate list.

Date	Name and description of recognition
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

**V. STAR EVENTS**

Please indicate the STAR events in which you have participated. Indicate your FCCLA leadership roles.

Date	STAR event name	Role
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

**VI. WORK EXPERIENCE**

Please indicate prior or current work experience. If additional space is required, please attach a separate list.

Dates	Employer	Position	Tasks and/or duties
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

## VII. PERSONAL ESSAY

The essay is a critical component of your application package. Please provide a professional, well-written essay of approximately 250-500 words (double-spaced) and free of spelling and grammatical errors. Your essay should address the following prompts:

- Provide your professional goals and how you think you can contribute to the Family and Consumer Sciences profession.
- Why do you think Family and Consumer Sciences is important?
- In your own words, describe the purpose of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Guidelines:

- The essay should be between 250-500 words.
- Typed, Times New Roman, size 12 font
- Double-spaced, 1 inch margins
- Printed and included in application packet

## VIII. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Ask one person, either your FCS teacher or another academic reference (no friends or family) to fill out and attach the reference form (on page 5) with your application to [rhamon@messiah.edu](mailto:rhamon@messiah.edu). Please provide your recommender's contact information below.

Recommender:

Name ( <i>First, Last</i> ):	Title:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address ( <i>Street, City, State, Zip Code</i> ):	
<input type="text"/>	
Phone Number:	Email Address:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## IX. ASSURANCES/SIGNATURES

By signing below, I indicate that all information in this application package is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby make application for the Messiah University FCS Incoming First Year Student Scholarship.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Required if student is under 18 years old at the time of scholarship application.*

**All scholarship application materials must be received by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the scholarship year.**

Send Application materials to:

Dr. Raeann R. Hamon, CFLE  
Department of Human Development and Family Science  
Messiah University  
One University Ave. Suite 3047  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 **OR**, by email to [rhamon@messiah.edu](mailto:rhamon@messiah.edu)

**RECOMMENDATION FORM**

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Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?</b>

<b>What have you found the applicant's outstanding qualities to be?</b>

<b>Why are you recommending the applicant for a FCS scholarship?</b>

<b>Describe the potential you see in the applicant to be a successful Family and Consumer Sciences teacher.</b>

<b>Is there anything else we should know about this applicant?</b>

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

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Email the recommendation to [rhamon@messiah.edu](mailto:rhamon@messiah.edu) with the student's name in the subject line or send the recommendations in the mail to: Dr. Raeann R. Hamon, Messiah University, One University Ave., Suite 3047, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

**INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL**

## EVALUATION CRITERIA

### Messiah University FCS Incoming First Year Student Scholarship Application

Applications will be evaluated using the evaluation criteria below and can be awarded no more than 100 points. Guidelines as to what the juror may consider for each criterion are listed for clarity in preparing the application and consistency in judging applications.

<b>Evaluation Criteria Awarded</b>	<b>Points Possible</b>	<b>Points</b>
Personal Essay	<b>40</b>	_____
Evidence of professional commitment and leadership	15	_____
Professional goals	15	_____
Well-written, free of grammatical/spelling errors	10	_____
 Significance of area of study to individuals, families and communities	 <b>15</b>	 _____
 Evaluations of applicant’s recommendations	 <b>15</b>	 _____
 Extracurricular participation in school, community and religious organizations that demonstrate potential for future leadership	 <b>10</b>	 _____
 Experience in relation to preparation for study in proposed field	 <b>10</b>	 _____
 Special recognitions and awards	 <b>5</b>	 _____
 Completion of Application	 <b>5</b>	 _____
 <b>SUBTOTAL</b>	 <b>100</b>	 _____

Recommend for the scholarship (mark with an ‘X’)

Yes No

Yes	No
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Comment to be shared with committee:

Comments to be shared with applicant:

**Signature of Juror:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_