

WALTER O. MASON EDUCATION FOUNDATION & MATTHEW W. TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The TASSSP Scholarship Committee is excited to announce the 2009 **Walter O. Mason and Matthew. W. Taylor Scholarship Competition**. We are looking forward to receiving an array of applications from some of our best and brightest TRiO students and expect their voices and dreams for the future to resonate in their writing. To ensure TRiO students understand the scholarship evaluation criteria, we are providing the following guidelines:

- **Accuracy** – All information submitted for consideration should be neat, legible, and formatted according to the directions provided within the application. Typed essays are recommended.
- **Completeness** – Supporting information that includes transcripts, letters of recommendation, Student Aid Report (SAR) and TRiO eligibility documentation must be provided. No incomplete applications will be considered.
- **Organization** – Written narratives should demonstrate a logical arrangement of information, include effective transition and a flow of general ideas to specific conclusions.
- **Development & Detail** – Writing should demonstrate a clear understanding of the subject addressed and effective use of supporting statements, relevant details and/or examples.
- **Synthesis of Ideas** – Writing should illustrate the student’s insight, creativity, thoughtfulness or originality expressed in their own words.
- **Mechanics** – Writing should incorporate active voice where appropriate and have an insignificant number of grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors.

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Completed Application	[] Yes [] No
Personal Statement (minimum of one double spaced page)	[] Yes [] No
Essay (minimum of one double spaced page)	[] Yes [] No
2 Recommendations (must include one TRiO staff recommendation, please note that scholarship recommenders must be a TASSSP member in good standing)	[] Yes [] No
Student Resume	[] Yes [] No
Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR)	[] Yes [] No
Transcript (GED results, high school or college transcript)	[] Yes [] No
Copy of TRiO Eligibility Documentation	[] Yes [] No

**WALTER O. MASON EDUCATION FOUNDATION &
MATTHEW W. TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION APPLICATION**

Selection Criteria & Eligibility

1. Applicant should have a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a GED standard score of 2250 (450 average) or higher.
2. Applicant must:
 - (a) have potential for academic success
 - (b) demonstrate extracurricular and community involvement
 - (c) demonstrate leadership abilities
3. Applicant must be a certified eligible TRiO participant with demonstrated active participation for at least one year. (*Eligibility criteria confirmed in the letter of recommendation provided by a TRiO staff member and eligibility documentation*).
4. If selected, the applicant must provide proof of enrollment at a postsecondary institution for the 2009 fall semester.

Guidelines

1. Application should be typed or printed legibly in blue or black ink.
2. The following items **must** be included with the scholarship application:
 - Student's Resume (*please use attached resume format*)
 - Student's Personal Statement (see section D)
 - Proof student has submitted the FAFSA (i.e. copy of Student Aid Report that includes EFC)
 - Official GED test results, high school or college transcript. (unofficial transcripts accepted)
 - *Entering college freshmen must also provide a copy of their college admissions acceptance letter to demonstrate future enrollment plans.*
 - Two letters of recommendation -- one must be from a TRiO staff member , ***please note that scholarship recommenders must be a TASSSP member in good standing***
 - Essay (see section D)
 - TRiO Eligibility Documentation
3. Application postmark deadline is **July 1, 2009**. Please mail or email to:
Raquel Guerrero, TASSSP Student Scholarship Chair
Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth
3218 East Belknap Street
Fort Worth, TX 76103
Phone – (817) 726-4152
Email: rperez@fortworthkids.org **If emailing: submit all documents in PDF format and ensure Director has approved the application(s)
4. The TASSSP Student Scholarship Committee will review and rank all submitted applications. The highest ranking application will be awarded the Walter O. Mason Scholarship. Other deserving applicants (in subsequent order) will receive the Matthew W. Taylor scholarship. The number of Matthew W. Taylor scholarships will be determined by the TASSSP board.
5. The committee will announce selected recipients at the annual Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs (SWASAP) professional development conference.

A. APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
E-mail address: _____
Phone: _____

B. TRiO PROGRAM AFFILIATION

_____ Educational Talent Search	_____ Upward Bound
_____ Educational Opportunity Center	_____ UB Math/Science
_____ Student Support Services	_____ Ronald E. McNair

Institution: _____
Program Director: _____ Phone _____
E-mail: _____

C. POSTSECONDARY PLACEMENT

Name and location of college/university where applicant is enrolled or will enroll the 2009 fall semester.

Name	Location
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D. ESSAY TOPICS

Please submit letter and essay in the following format:

- Typed, one-inch margins, double spaced with a 12pt font, Times New Roman. (Include student's name and institution as a header or a title on each page.)

Part I – Letter of Introduction to the Scholarship Committee (minimum of one page)

- Write a personal statement explaining the influence of TRiO in your life. Include what you plan to study while in college and how it relates to your future career plans.

Part II – Essay (minimum of one page)

- Answer one of the three prompts listed below:

1. Choose a current issue and discuss how it directly affects you (ex: Global Warming, The Middle East, the economic situation, etc.). Clearly state the issues, your viewpoints and how these issues will also impact your community.
2. What advice would you give to an incoming high school freshman? Explain what you did right and what you could have done differently to prepare for university studies.
3. If you had the opportunity to change places with one individual (historical, (non)fictional, living or deceased) for a day, who would you chose and what would you hope to accomplish in that day.