The Matthew W. Watson Memorial Scholarship

Application

The Matthew W. Watson Memorial Scholarship was created in loving memory of Matthew W. Watson, Class of 2005, a loving son, brother, friend and beloved member of the Centennial High School Community. This scholarship serves to support undergraduate students attending the University of Maryland at College Park who demonstrate the passion, humor and talents that Matthew exemplified.

I. Eligibility

Who is eligible to apply for the Matthew W. Watson Memorial Scholarship?

Graduates of Centennial High School, Columbia, Maryland that:

- Admitted as full or part-time undergraduate at the University of Maryland, College Park, for the Fall 2014 semester
- Maintain good academic standing
- Special consideration will be given to:
  - Students who demonstrate the passion, humor and talents that Matthew W. Watson exemplified
  - Students demonstrating compelling, thoughtful, genuine, and thorough essay question responses

II. Application Deadline

Friday, April 25th, 2014, to assure early and full consideration. Applicants will be considered after that date, based on availability of funds.

III. Application Procedure

Complete and return all the following required information via mail or email to:

- Application form for the Matthew W. Watson Memorial Scholarship
- High School transcripts
- Return all to:
  University of Maryland at College Park Division of Student Affairs
  8400 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 200 College Park, MD 20740
  Attn: Ed Kenny
  OR edkenny@umd.edu

ANY APPLICATION WITHOUT ALL REQUIRED PIECES WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE

For questions or additional information, you may contact Ed Kenny, Assistant Director for Grants and Scholarships at edkenny@umd.edu or 301-405-0322
Please complete to apply for the Matthew W. Watson Memorial Scholarship

**Personal:**
First name: ____________________________    Last name: ____________________________________
Street address: _______________________________________________________________________
City: _______________________________________   State: _________________     Zip: ___________
Home phone: ____________________________    Cell phone: _____________________________
Email: ______________________________________    Date of birth: ___________________________
I identify my gender as: ____________________________

How did you learn about this scholarship?      _____________________________________________

**Education:**
High school: ___________________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________   State: ________   Date of graduation: _____________________
Current GPA:   __________________________

**Fall 2014 Enrollment:**
UID (if known) ____________________________
Intended major(s) or course(s) of study (if known): ____________________________
Academic College (if known): __________________________________________________________________
Anticipated Hours Enrolled for Fall 2014 (if known):  ________
Expected date of graduation (if known): ____________
Anticipated status for Fall ‘14 at UM
___ Freshman      ___ Sophomore      ___Junior      ___ Senior
**Essay Question:**

*Essays must fit the following parameters: MS Word document or PDF, at least one (1) page, double-spaced*

1. Discuss your educational and career goals and how this scholarship will help you succeed academically, assist you financially and how you personally exemplify Matthew Watson’s characteristics.


**Certification:**

I certify that all information contained in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the contents of this application are subject to verification and if found untrue will result in disqualification from consideration.

In addition, if I am selected to receive the Matthew W. Watson Memorial Scholarship, I agree to:

- Complete a thank you note to the Watson Family. (Contact information will be provided upon award)
- Complete the information request I will receive from University Relations by email for the UMCP Celebration of Scholarships web site and attempt to attend the annual Celebration of Scholarships reception held in April at the Riggs Alumni Center.
- Give permission to Division of Student Affairs to use quotes, photographs and other information provided.

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Applicant Signature  Date