

NEWTON METCO COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

c/o Newton METCO Program
100 Walnut Street - Room 301
Newtonville, MA 02460

January, 2022

Dear Seniors and Parents of the Newton METCO Program:

The Newton METCO Community Scholarship Fund will award scholarships to qualified seniors of the Newton METCO Program who will be attending an accredited post high school institution. This year, scholarships will be awarded in five categories:

Achievement Award - a minimum of \$500

Pacita D.A. Hayes Memorial Leadership Award - a minimum of \$500

Helen & George Bresnahan Academic and Cultural Award - a minimum of \$500

Excellence Award - a minimum of \$1,000

Rosalind Johnson Future Educator Award- a minimum of \$1,000

The exact amount of the awards will depend upon the total number of qualified applicants and the amount of funds raised during the scholarship fund drive. The criteria for the awards and disbursement of scholarship funds are outlined in this packet.

In order to be considered for these scholarships, graduating seniors must possess a minimum high school average of C and must complete the application packet as outlined below. **The entire application packet must be submitted to your Newton METCO counselor by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2022.**

Applications will not be accepted after the deadline. The decision of the committee cannot be changed – except by the committee. Any misrepresentation of information may result in disqualification.

The application packet consists of the following forms and all forms **MUST BE TYPED**:

1. *Scholarship Application* found at www.newton.k12.ma.us/metco/scholarship
2. *Personal Essay Form* **MUST BE** typed and space is provided on the application.
3. *Three different recommendation forms* submitted by:
 - * One **MUST BE** submitted on school **LETTERHEAD** by a Newton Public School teacher/mentor
 - * One **MUST BE** submitted on personal or business **LETTERHEAD** from a person such as a minister, an employer or mentor from any community
 - * One **MUST BE** submitted on school **LETTERHEAD** by your METCO Counselor or Guidance Counselor

After the application packet has been submitted to your Newton METCO counselor, a copy of your transcript will be attached. Incomplete forms will not be accepted or reviewed by the selection committee.

Questions should be referred to your Newton METCO counselor. The Committee looks forward to receiving your completed application packet by April 1, 2022. All Scholarships awarded must be collected prior to the (2022-2023) academic year or they will expire September 1, 2022.

Sincerely,

Newton METCO Community Scholarship Committee

Newton METCO Community Scholarship Fund, Inc.

Scholarship Criteria

Achievement Award - a minimum of \$500

Criteria

1. Newton METCO senior in good standing
2. Minimum "C" average grades 9 through 12
3. Evidence of active support of the goals of the METCO Program
4. Involvement in home or school community
5. Acceptance to one or more accredited institutions of higher education

Pacita D.A. Hayes Memorial Leadership Award - a minimum of \$500

Criteria

1. Newton METCO senior in good standing
2. Minimum "C" average grades 9 through 12
3. Evidence of leadership in advancing the goals of the Newton METCO Program
4. Evidence of active support of the goals of the METCO Program
5. Involvement in home or school community
6. Acceptance to one or more accredited institutions of higher education

Helen and George Bresnahan Academic and Cultural Award - a minimum of \$500

Criteria

1. Newton METCO senior in good standing
2. Minimum "B" average grades 9 through 12
3. Evidence of current and past involvement in cultural activities
4. Evidence of active support of the goals of the METCO Program
5. Involvement in home or school community
6. Acceptance to one or more accredited institutions of higher education

Excellence Award - a minimum of \$1,000

Criteria

1. Newton METCO senior in good standing
2. Minimum "B" average grades 9 through 12
3. Evidence of active support of the goals of the METCO Program
4. Involvement in home or school community
5. Acceptance to one or more accredited institutions of higher education

Rosalind Johnson Future Educators Award - a minimum of \$1,000

Criteria

1. Newton METCO senior in good standing
2. Minimum "B" average grades 9 through 12
3. Evidence of active support of the goals of the METCO Program
4. Involvement in home or school community
5. Acceptance to one or more accredited institutions of higher education
6. Pursuing a degree in Education

Disbursement of Scholarship Funds

Scholarship awards can only be used for tuition. Funds will be disbursed to students under one of the following two options, but in no case will funds be disbursed until the student submits proof of enrollment at an accredited institution of higher education.

Option A: Funds are disbursed directly to the institution of higher education upon proof of enrollment.

Option B: Funds are disbursed to the recipient, parent or guardian upon receipt of a **paid** tuition bill. The tuition bill must be equal to or exceed the amount of your scholarship award.

Your scholarship award must be used for tuition during the 2022-2023 school year, unless an agreement has been made between the Newton METCO Community Scholarship Committee and the graduating student and parents or guardian. Arrangements for disbursement must be made through the Newton METCO Community Scholarship Committee.

List awards, honors, or special recognitions you have received (i.e. scholastic, literary, musical, athletic, Newton METCO, and other awards, etc.).

<u>Name of Organization</u>	<u>Offices Held (if any)</u>	<u>Start/End Dates</u>

List school activities and clubs in which you have participated.

<u>Name of Organization</u>	<u>Offices Held (if any)</u>	<u>Start/End Dates</u>

List activities and organizations outside of school where you have been a frequent participant.

<u>Name of Organization</u>	<u>Offices Held (if any)</u>	<u>Start/End Dates</u>

List jobs held for which you received payment (including steady baby-sitting positions).

<u>Company/Person</u>	<u>Job Description</u>	<u>Start/End Dates</u>

List colleges and universities to which you have applied. Indicate if you have been accepted or if your application is pending, attach copies of acceptance letters. Prior to application being submitted to the Scholarship Committee, the Newton METCO Counselor will indicate which college/university student will attend.

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Accepted</u>	<u>Pending</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

Recommendations: List below the names and telephone numbers of the three different references who have submitted letters of recommendation. Letters must be attached.

Newton Public School Teacher/Mentor: _____ Phone No: _____

Personal Recommendation,
Newton or Boston community: _____ Phone No: _____

Newton METCO Counselor/Guidance: _____ Phone No: _____

To the best of my knowledge, information reported on this application is complete and truthful.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of METCO Counselor: _____ Date: _____

Completed application must be submitted by Friday, April 1, 2022.

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Personal Essay

Name of Applicant: _____ School: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

**You must submit a 500 word typed essay answering one of the following questions.
Please indicate your topic by checking the appropriate box.**

Tell us about a dream you have.

OR

As a METCO student living in Boston and attending school in Newton, how have your experiences in both communities shaped who you are today or your outlook on life?

Personal essays become the property of the Newton METCO Program and may be used for any purpose at the discretion of the Newton METCO Director.