

CLARE JEAN SIEGEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Application Opens: March 1, 2019

Deadline for Submission: March 31, 2019

The Clare Jean Siegel Memorial Scholarship (CJSMS) is designed to continue the legacy of Clare Jean Siegel's extensive work with the Head Start Program, specifically in Baltimore City. With this scholarship we aim to encourage Head Start and Early Head Start employees in Baltimore City to enrich their education through formal degree course work.

Clare's work was defined by her belief that all children deserve a high-quality education beginning with pre-school, regardless of economic background, ethnicity or race. She believed that the Head Start Program has the potential to make this possible. We are looking for current employees of Baltimore City Head Start Centers who want to be part of building upon her legacy.

ELIGIBILITY

Any benefit eligible employee (works 20 hours or more) who has successfully completed 6 months of benefit eligible employment, who is not on disciplinary probation, and has been accepted into an accredited degree program in Early Childhood Development or a similar field that will enhance their position in a Baltimore City Head Start classroom is eligible to apply for the scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

Depending on funding, we aim to offer at least one scholarship per year between \$2000 and \$5000.

APPLICATION

- Completed Cover Sheet with all relevant contact information
- Personal Essay: 500 words, which includes the following: your career goals, how you will reach your goals and how would you like to expand/enhance the services you are currently able to offer at the Head Start where you are employed? What do you think is your biggest challenge to completing your college education? Your personal statement will be judged on its content not your writing style. Please focus on the substance of your answer.
- Two professional letters of recommendation: one from your immediate Head Start Supervisor and one from a person of your choice with whom you have a professional relationship. Letters of recommendation should address your strengths in the field of Early Childhood Development/Education and why you are a good candidate for this scholarship
- Face-to-face interview with the selection committee.
- Completed cover sheet, personal essay and letters of recommendation must be submitted as attachments, in PDF format, by 11:59 PM on March 31, 2019 to cjsmemorialscholarship13@gmail.com

COVER SHEET
Clare Jean Siegel Memorial Scholarship
2019

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number _____

Gender: _____

Birth Date: _____

Name and address of Head Start Agency where you are employed and start date:

Supervisor's Name, Phone Number and Email _____

College/Institution of Post-Secondary Education and Degree Program where you have been accepted: Scholarship will be sent directly to the institution where you are enrolled.

Certification: *I certify that the information provided on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that if I am chosen as a scholarship recipient, I will use the funds only for tuition related to my education in an institution of higher learning in the State of Maryland, maintaining at least a 2.5 GPA and, upon completion of my degree, to continue to work for Head Start in Baltimore City for at least two years.*

Signature of Applicant _____

Date: _____

