

## Moton Family Challenge Scholarship Application Information

The Moton Family Challenge seeks to award two \$2500 merit-based, renewable scholarships to college-bound high school seniors who are direct lineal descendants of students affected by the public school closings in Prince Edward County, Virginia, between 1959 and 1964. Applicants need not currently reside in Prince Edward County to be eligible for the scholarship.

**Deadline for applications: March 16, 2020**

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered eligible for the Moton Family Challenge Scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a direct lineal descendant of a student(s) who was denied an education, refused vouchers for a local education, and/or was displaced by the public school closings in Prince Edward County, Virginia, between 1959 and 1964.
- Be enrolled full-time as a high school senior, making good progress toward graduation with plans to enter an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the fall semester following graduation.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale).

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply for the Moton Family Challenge Scholarship, students must submit the following:

- A completed application form online
- A 500-word essay (double-spaced, 12-point font) addressing the following topic – *The closing of all public schools between 1959 and 1964 had a profound impact on families in the Prince Edward community. In what ways was your family affected by the school closings? How has this history influenced your own choices about education?*
- Unofficial high school transcript
- Two letters of recommendation, one of which should be from a teacher in your current high school. Letter should address applicant’s academic ability, work habits, character, and potential for success in college.

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38 **SCHOLARSHIP EVALUATION**

39 Scholarship applications will be evaluated and ranked based on the following point system:

40	Completed Application & Eligibility	10 points
41	Essay	50 points
42	Transcript (GPA, level of difficulty of academic program)	10 points
43	Letters of Recommendation	30 points

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45 **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AND RENEWAL CRITERIA**

- 46 • Scholarship recipients will be notified of the award no later than June 1, 2020.
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- 48 • To confirm their place as a scholarship recipient, students should submit a copy of their
- 49 final high school transcript and their college or university acceptance letter to the
- 50 scholarship committee by July 1.
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- 52 • Award of the scholarship is contingent on the student earning a minimum grade point
- 53 average of 2.7 in the first semester of university work.
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- 55 • In order to remain eligible to renew the scholarship, students must maintain a minimum
- 56 cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
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- 58 • Students should submit an unofficial transcript by January 4th of each year to confirm
- 59 renewal of the scholarship. Scholarship checks will be disbursed to recipients by January
- 60 15.
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- 62 • The scholarships are renewable for three years after the first award.
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- 64 • Students transferring from institutions remain eligible for the scholarship as long as
- 65 criteria is met. However the scholarship is still only available for 4 disbursements total.
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- 67 • If the GPA requirements are not met at any time after being confirmed as a scholarship
- 68 recipient the said applicant becomes ineligible for future renewal or disbursement of
- 69 scholarship funds.
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- 71 • The Family Challenge Scholarship committee will review cases in extenuating
- 72 circumstances in the case of a petition of a student upon receipt of formal complaint. If
- 73 approved the recipient loses the semester of eligibility of which they did not meet criteria.
- 74 This means that they are only eligible for 3 disbursements if this method is completed.

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76 **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

77 Section A: Applicant Information

78 Full Legal Name First, Middle, Last

79 Mailing Address

80 Email Address

81 Phone Number

82 Date of Birth

83 High School & School Mailing Address

84 Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ based on a \_\_\_\_\_ maximum scale (e.g., 4.0, 5.0)

85 Colleges or universities to which you have applied or been accepted.

86 List your extracurricular (school, athletics, community, volunteer, etc.) activities, employment,  
87 and honors received with dates of involvement.

88           Examples:     Varsity softball team, 2014-present  
89                             Sports editor, student newspaper, 2015-2016  
90                             National Honor Society, 2016-present  
91                             Lifeguard at YMCA, Farmville, VA, Summer 2016  
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93 Name(s) of family member affected by the Prince Edward County School closings from 1959-  
94 1964 and their relationship to the scholarship applicant. Include maiden names of female  
95 relatives, if known.

96           Example:     Dorothy Lockett Holcomb, maternal grandmother  
97                             James Holcomb, maternal grandfather  
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99 Names and Positions of individuals writing letters of recommendation on your behalf.

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101           Example:     Ms. Megan Miller, Journalism teacher, Prince Edward County HS  
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104 Section B: Parent/Legal Guardian Information

105 Section C: Signatures