The Florida Kiwanis Foundation
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Maria Mychaniuk Scholarship Guidelines / Qualifications

- **General Procedure Notes:**
  - A $4,000.00 Scholarship per year may be awarded to a recipient up to a maximum of 4 consecutive years.
  - Applicants are eligible for only one (1) FL Foundation Scholarship in any given year.
  - Awarding process to be done by the FL Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Committee and will be announced at the school's award ceremony, if possible.
  - Awarded scholarships will be paid direct to the college or university by the required date of each qualifying year, upon proof of registration as a full-time student to the FKF scholarship committee.
  - Distribution of the scholarship application is to be addressed through the Flagler County Superintendent's office, along with the High Schools and their respective Guidance / Career Development Departments.
  - Focus will be toward students that may have difficulty qualifying for other scholarships or grants but have a sincere desire to succeed by furthering their education, with an emphasis on the essay answers, financial need, and letters of recommendation.
  - All Scholarship recipients will be required to complete a Release Form so their information may, or may not, be published by the Foundation.
- **Requirements**:
  - Application is open only to students of Flagler County, FL High Schools, along with those who are home schooled or attend the Virtual School of Florida, as long as they meet the requirements listed below.
  - Applicant must have resided, and attended school, in Flagler County for a minimum of 2 years and be the child of a United States citizen.
  - Applicants must complete the current year official FKF application and send to the address provided. Application must be **received no later than April 15th** of the current application year and must be on the official Foundation application form. Emailed applications are acceptable as noted on form.
  - Applicant must be a graduating high school senior from any school within Flagler County, FL who meets all requirements as noted above.
  - Have a GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, unweighted.

- Have been accepted to any accredited College, University, or Vocational School. (An eligible educational institution is a school offering higher education beyond high school. It is any college, university, vocational school, or other post-secondary educational institution eligible to participate in a student aid program run by the U.S. Department of Education. This includes most accredited public, nonprofit and privately-owned–for-profit postsecondary institutions.)
- Must submit 2 letters of recommendation from non-related; Teacher, School Official, or Counselor, outlining the specific reason(s) that students is deserving of award.

- **Community Service Requirements:**
  - Have performed at least 50 service hours in their community within the most recent past year.
- **Basis of Need Requirements:**
  - Preference will be given to the student that best fulfills all of the above requirements and demonstrates a financial need as determined by the completion of the following documents:
    1. Enclosed financial form outlining need along with student's & parent's contributions to education.
    2. FAFSA is not required but should be included to help determine need and existing grants.
- **Essay Questions:**
  1. What is your definition of Community Service and how can we instill the value of service into today's youth?
  2. Have you applied for, and received, any other scholarships or grants and if not, why?
  3. Knowing that this scholarship will not cover all educational expenses, what other steps have you taken to secure your educational costs?
  4. What are your hopes and aspirations for the future and how does your educational plan meet those desires?

- **Continuing Documentation:**
  1. To continue receiving the award, student must provide proof of full-time enrollment each year.
  2. Maintain a passing GPA as determined by the attending school.
  3. Along with proof of continued enrollment, student to provide brief synopsis of how the scholarship has affected college life and enabled student to continue with community service within his/her community.