

The Military Road School Donnessa Lucas Memorial Scholarship

The Military Road School Preservation Trust (the Trust) awards a scholarship annually as an incentive to one or more local students in need of financial assistance for college. The Trust's Board of Directors is pleased to honor the memory of Mrs. Donnessa Hill Lucas in the naming of this scholarship.

Mrs. Lucas attended the Military Road School from 1921-1929. The school provided an environment that fostered a premier education for African American children throughout the Washington area from its establishment out of the Fort Stevens Army barracks in 1865 until its closing as a public school in 1954. Mrs. Lucas was a founding member of the Military Road School Alumni Association, formed in 1997 with the expressed and successful goal of securing historical status for the school building located at 1375 Missouri Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

The Alumni Association evolved into the Military Road School Preservation Trust as its mission and focus broadened to include support for and involvement in raising awareness of Civil War-related sites in addition to promoting and maintaining the legacy of the African American educational experience. Mrs. Lucas served as Chaplain of the Trust until her death on June 30, 2006. Her invaluable contributions, friendship, leadership and support for the Alumni Association and the Trust are greatly appreciated.

The Military Road School Preservation Trust is committed to ensuring that the legacy of the Military Road School is preserved in perpetuity and that the interpretation of local history, including that of Fort Stevens, the evolution of the educational system for African-Americans in Washington, and the history of the surrounding area remains vibrant and alive.

The Military Road School Preservation Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization incorporated in the District of Columbia, which includes alumni of the Military Road School as well as numerous other individuals who share a commitment to the organization's mission.

MILITARY ROAD SCHOOL PRESERVATION TRUST (www.mrspt.org)
2009 DONNESSA LUCAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
APPLICATION GUIDELINES

I. Application Process

A brief application form is attached.

1. Review these Application Guidelines paying particular attention to qualification and selection criteria, eligibility and requirements.
2. **E-mail a brief note to Mrs. Theresa Saxton, MRSPT Scholarship Committee, at TheLasax@MRSPT.org stating your intent to apply.**
3. Complete the application form with requested contact information and collect all supplementary materials (i.e. high school transcript, etc.).
4. Sign and/or secure your parent(s) signature (if under 18 years of age) as applicable.
5. **Submit completed application with all supplementary materials postmarked by August 5, 2009 to MRSPT at the following address:**

Military Road School Preservation Trust
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P. O. Box 56425
Washington, DC 20040-6425

II. Selection Process

The MRSPT Scholarship Coordinator will review all applications to determine if they meet eligibility requirements. Applications that successfully pass this review will be forwarded to a selection committee made up of members and/or officers of the MRSPT. The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all applications and select the winner(s). Decisions of the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final. **Applicants will be notified of decisions by August 20, 2009.**

III. Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following requirements at the time of application in order to be eligible for this scholarship:

1. Acceptance in an accredited 2 or 4-year college or university.
2. Declared Major or Minor in History, Education, Mathematics, Science, Health Services, African American Studies, or related fields of study (preferred, but not required).
3. Resident of District of Columbia, Maryland or Virginia.

IV. Selection Criteria [Basis on which Scholarship Selection Committee will select award winner(s)]

1. Demonstrated Academic Achievement
2. Demonstrated Volunteerism / Participation in MRSPT programs and/or Community Involvement
3. Demonstrated Leadership Abilities
4. Demonstrated Financial Hardship

V. Acceptance Requirements

Please review the following requirements that applicant must meet before acceptance of award, if selected.

- **Contingencies & Commitments:**
 1. The Scholar (and parent/legal guardian if Scholar is a minor) must sign a letter agreeing to the terms and conditions of the award.
 2. The Trust must receive documentation of the Scholar's enrollment in an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university.
 3. The Trust must receive documentation of the Scholar's residency in DC, Maryland or Virginia.

**MILITARY ROAD SCHOOL PRESERVATION TRUST
DONNESSA LUCAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
SECOND / THIRD - YEAR APPLICATION FORM**

Name: _____

Student ID#: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone No. (_____) _____ Alternate No.(_____) _____

Email address: _____ Date of birth: ____/____/____

Name of college you plan to attend or are attending: _____

Address of college _____

Declared Major _____ Declared Minor _____

Current grade point average: _____

Describe use of 2008-2009 Scholarship Award: _____

Names, contact information and relationship of three references (one reference must be from a current professor in your major field of study):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

List school-related activities (athletics, clubs, music programs, year book staff, etc.):

List academic honors (National Honor Society, Honor Roll, etc.):

List community-related activities (charity or volunteer work, church activities, etc., as well as any MRSPT activities which you have attended or participated in):

List your leadership role(s) in the activities that you noted above (i.e.; President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain, etc.):

Additional information you would like to have considered:

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date:** _____

Parent / Guardian's Signature _____ **Date:** _____
(if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Please mail completed application and references, together with your most recent transcript to:

M.R.S.P.T.
Post Office Box 56425
Washington, D. C. 20040-6425

Please direct inquiries to **Theresa L. Saxton** at (301) 890-9649 or thelasax@MRSPT.org