



of Metro Denver

# The Helen McLoraine Scholarship Fund

College scholarships for girls who have participated in  
Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver programs  
Information & Support Packet for 2017-2018

**Applications are due Friday, February 2, 2018 before 5:00 p.m.**

# THE HELEN MCLORAIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

## History

The Helen McLoraine Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Helen M. McLoraine, a pioneer in the oil industry and a woman who embodied the Girls Incorporated mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold. The scholarship fund was established to carry on her legacy by inspiring girls to be active in community service, strive for higher education, and gain advanced skills and knowledge they need to realize bright futures. The Scholarship fund provides competitive awards to girls who have participated in Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver programs. They are designed to make post-secondary education more accessible to young women by offsetting financial costs, as well as inspire girls to pursue rewarding careers. Each year the Scholarship fund awards a minimum of \$45,000.

## Available Scholarships

- Teen Leadership Scholarship
- Strong, Smart, and Bold Scholarship
- Collegiate Scholarship

## Application Process

Read and complete the application form and include with it the required materials for the scholarship for which you are applying. The Scholarship Selection Team will select awardees based on the following criteria:

- Community Service
- Demonstrated ability to handle responsibility and leadership
- Clarity of ideas and communication skills
- Strength of character
- Depth of impact at Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver programs for the applicant
- Personal achievement and future plans and goals

All applicants who submit a complete application by the deadline will be considered for an interview. Interviews will be conducted at Girls Inc. of Metro Denver on Thursday, March 15, 2018 between 4:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Applicants attending school out of state will need to be available during this time for an interview which will be conducted via Skype or a similar program.

***\*If you were awarded a scholarship from the Helen McLoraine Scholarship Fund in 2017 you may not apply again until 2019.\****

All completed applications must be mailed or hand delivered to the following address by February 2, 2018 before 5:00 p.m.

Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver  
Helen McLoraine Scholarship  
Attention: Robyn Jackson  
1499 Julian Street  
Denver, CO 80204

# SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

## Teen Leadership

- Teen Leadership Scholarships at \$5,000 each

Scholarships will be awarded to girls currently enrolled in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, who have been Girls Inc. of Metro Denver members within the past 5 years AND:

1. Have completed the High School Prep or College Prep class AND
2. Have participated in, or are currently participating in, at least one other Girls Inc. class or volunteer position.

### Additional Requirements:

- Participated in community service and leadership activities
- Grade point average of 2.0 or higher

### How to Apply:

*Please note: all materials must be 12pt. Arial font, 1 inch margins, double spaced, single-sided, and each page should list the applicants first and last name in the header.*

1. Complete the application cover page.
2. Include a personal essay, up to three pages in length to address the following questions:
  - ***Describe how you are strong, smart, and bold.***
  - ***How have you been involved as a leader in your community and what has that experience meant to you?***
  - ***How will this scholarship help you to achieve your future plans and goals?***
  - ***What personal achievement are you most proud of and why?***
3. Include your official school transcript. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.
4. Include two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes from adults from your school, job, or community (teacher, counselor, principal, advisor, supervisor, mentor, etc.) Letters from relatives or Girls Inc. staff will not be accepted. Please do not include more than 2 letters of recommendation.
5. Provide your GIMD programming history and ensure that you have a 2017-2018 GIMD membership application on file. If not, you must complete and submit it along with your scholarship application.
6. Submit all of your materials by the deadline.

# SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS CONTINUED

## Strong, Smart, and Bold Scholarships

- Strong, Smart, Bold Scholarships at \$10,000 each

Scholarships will be awarded to girls currently enrolled in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade, who have been Girls Inc. of Metro Denver members within the past 5 years AND:

1. Have completed the College Prep class AND
2. Have participated in, or are currently participating in, at least one other Girls Inc. class or volunteer position.

### Additional Requirements:

- Participated in community service and leadership activities
- Grade point average of 2.0 or higher

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  - **How have you been involved as a leader in your community and what has that experience meant to you?**
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6. Submit all of your materials by the deadline.

# SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS CONTINUED

## Helen McLoraine Collegiate Scholarship

- Helen McLoraine Collegiate Scholarship at \$10,000

Scholarship will be awarded to a young woman currently pursuing a higher education who has been a Girls Inc. of Metro Denver member within the past 10 years.

### Additional Requirements:

- Currently enrolled full-time undergraduate student attending an accredited college or university
- Demonstrated community service and leadership skills
- Grade point average of 2.0 or higher

### How to Apply:

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Application Cover Page

Please circle the scholarship you are applying for:

- A. Teen Leadership Scholarship (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
- B. Strong, Smart, and Bold Scholarship (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- C. Collegiate Scholarship (current college student)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

High School (currently attending) \_\_\_\_\_

College/University (currently attending) \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that the information on this form and the information in my packet is accurate and the essay enclosed is my original work.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*The cover page can be hand written, if needed.



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## Girls Inc. Programming History

1. On a separate document please list the class and/or volunteer dates you have participated in, and a short description that explains your involvement at Girls Incorporated. Please list your first and last name in the header of each page.

*EXAMPLE:*

<b>Class date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Description</b>
Fall 2017	Lego League	Participated in Lego League Challenge that addressed mobility issues for seniors.
Summer 2016	Camp volunteer	Worked with 3rd and 4th graders on their reading skills.

2. On the same document please list all of your previous and/or current leadership and community service experiences.

*EXAMPLE:*

<b>Date(s) of service</b>	<b>Place of service</b>	<b>Description of service</b>
October 2016	Pepsi Center	Worked at the registration table for Walk for the Cure.
Summer 2017-current	Rose Nursing Home	Meet with seniors on Sunday afternoons to play games





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## Recommendation Letter Request

To Whom It May Concern:

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for a Helen McLoraine Scholarship which is offered each year by Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver. Our scholarship recognizes the leadership and accomplishments of young women who have participated in Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver programs. The purpose of the scholarship fund is to make post-secondary education accessible by offsetting the financial costs of higher education. Our hope is that our scholarships will inspire young women to succeed in school, become leaders and contribute to their communities.

Part of the scholarship selection process requires a letter of recommendation from someone in an educational, work, or volunteer setting who can speak to the applicant's abilities and qualifications. By receiving this form, the applicant is requesting that you provide answers to the following questions with your signature and stated relationship to the applicant. Your letter is a critical part of our selection and awareness process. Please answer the attached questions in a separate typed letter:

- How long have you known the applicant and what is your relationship to her?
- How has this person demonstrated leadership skills? Please give specific examples.
- How has this person been a positive role model for others?
- How would you describe this person's character?

In addition, please include your name and title in the letter and a brief description of how you know the applicant. All questions must be addressed in your recommendation. The completed form should be returned to the applicant in a sealed envelope for submission with her application package. **All applications are due by 5:00 pm on February 2, 2018.** If needed, you can find the recommendation request form on our website at [www.girlsincdenver.org](http://www.girlsincdenver.org)

On behalf of Girls Incorporated of Metro Denver, we thank you for your time, interest and participation in this process. Thank you for helping to inspire our girls to become strong, smart, and bold.

Sincerely,

The Girls Inc. Helen McLoraine Scholarship Committee

## Helen McLoraine General Scholarship Guidelines

1. All recipients will be selected through a fair, equitable, standardized, and non-discriminatory application process.
2. Application information will be distributed widely and posted on the Girls Inc. website to ensure that eligible girls are informed of the opportunity.
3. An applicant must submit an application for the scholarships for which she would like to be considered.
4. Unsuccessful applicants will be encouraged to apply in a subsequent year if they meet the scholarship criteria.
5. Girls Inc. of Metro Denver defines a “member” as any girl who has submitted (or will submit) a member application by the scholarship deadline and participates in programming prior to high school graduation.
6. Scholarship awards may be used for post-secondary education or professional training from any accredited institute in the United States. Scholarships may be used for undergraduate classes only.
7. Scholarship recipients may use their scholarship award for fees assessed by the school they are attending and/or required books and supplies. This includes: tuition, fees, room & board, and application fees charged by the school. This **does not** include: private rent, utilities, grocery bills, travel expenses, deposits, late fees, or amounts due from semesters prior to when the student was awarded the scholarship.
8. An individual may receive up to two scholarships from the Helen McLoraine Scholarship Program in separate years, with one year off between applications.
9. Scholarship payments are contingent upon the student's graduation from high school (or completion of her G.E.D.) and acceptance into and continuance in the program of her choice.
10. Girls who are selected for a scholarship while in high school, or before beginning college, must use their scholarship funds within five years of the date she graduates from high school or receives her G.E.D. Current college students who receive an award must use their awards within five years of the date they were awarded the scholarship. The award year begins on the date she is/ was notified of her scholarship and includes one summer, one fall, and one spring semester.
11. The scholarship grants are intended to be used in full to support a student's studies. To ensure that the award will not be considered as taxable income by the I.R.S., recipients shall not be required to do anything in exchange for their scholarship apart from those actions pertaining to enrollment and continuation in school. Recipients can be invited or encouraged to complete an internship, promote the organization, etc., but these activities cannot be required.