



# Children's Aid, Inc. George and Mary Lou Brezina Memorial Scholarship

Children's Aid, Inc. will award a one-time \$1,000 scholarship providing financial assistance to a student graduating from a Calvert County public high school for undergraduate study in the field of Education at a four year college or university.

1. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**. (No exceptions).
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Applicants will be judged on scholastic ability, character, citizenship, community service and financial need.
4. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
5. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
6. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
7. You will be notified by email in May regarding the status of your application.
8. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Krista Brezina (KBrezina@TheChildrensAid.org)
9. Scholarship funds will only be awarded to the student's college or university account upon evidence of registration in an accredited post-secondary institution.

## ***Criteria:***

### **To be eligible for consideration, the student must:**

1. Be a resident of Calvert County.
2. Be a graduating high school senior enrolled in one of Calvert County's public high schools.
3. Have a GPA of 3.0 or above.
4. Be an Education major.

## ***Application Process:***

### **Applicant must submit the following items:**

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information.
3. Submit at least one letter of recommendation, no more than two, from teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individual with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement with school/community activities.
4. Please provide a high school transcript. Transcripts do NOT need to be official and copies are acceptable.
5. Personal Essay. In your essay, please explain why you have chosen Education as your major and how you will use your education to better your community.
6. *Scholarship winner* shall provide a high school senior photo, granting Children's Aid, Inc. permission for use in press releases and for solicitation of future scholarship funding.

### **Application deadline: May 1, 2024**

Email completed applications to **[ChildrensAidCalvert@gmail.com](mailto:ChildrensAidCalvert@gmail.com)** or Mail to:

Children's Aid, Inc.,  
Attn: Scholarship Committee,  
6205 Sandy Point Road, Prince Frederick MD 20678



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**Scholarship Application**

**General Information**

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of other dependent children in family: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of brothers/sisters in college or technical school: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about this scholarship?: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Information**

Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (GPA): \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ or ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

What college will you attend in 2024/2025? If undecided (accepted by multiple schools), please list colleges under consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

What major and/or minor do you plan to study? \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information (Attach a copy of your Student Aid Report from FAFSA to this application.)**

Have you received any grants or scholarships thus far for 2024/2025?  Yes  No

If yes, list the grant/scholarship source and the dollar amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe any special circumstances in your home/family that may affect your finances or future ability to pay for your education. Use additional pages if necessary.

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*Use an additional sheet if additional space is required to answer the following questions regarding educational goals, academic honors and community service activities.*

What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?

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List your academic honors, awards and school-related membership activities while in high school. Please include years of involvement and roles/offices held (if applicable):

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Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.

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**The following items must be included in the application package in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.**

<b>Application Checklist</b>	
<b>Application Form</b>	Completed two-page form.
<b>Letter of Application</b>	The letter should contain a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information.
<b>Letter(s) of Recommendation</b>	Submit at least one letter of recommendation, but no more than two, from teachers, administrators, counselors, employers or individuals with significant knowledge of applicant's educational experience and involvement with school/community activities.
<b>Student Financial Information</b>	Please submit a PDF copy of your SAR (Student Aid Report) from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Request a copy of your SAR from <a href="http://www.FAFSA.gov">www.FAFSA.gov</a> .
<b>Proof of College Acceptance</b>	Please provide a copy of your acceptance letter.
<b>High School Transcript</b>	Please provide a recent high school transcript. Transcript does <u>not</u> need to be official, and copies are acceptable.
<b>Personal Essay</b>	Essay must be a maximum of 1,000 words, typed in 12-point font, double-spaced. On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions: Why have you chosen Education as your major? How will you use your education to better your community?

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Children's Aid, Inc.'s memorial scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Children's Aid, Inc.'s Memorial Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_