Maureen Donovan-Dobiesz is a humanitarian with a deep-seated passion for providing children and young adults with positive guidance, education and support. Having been a Cub Scout leader and the proud mother of two Eagle Scouts, she fully understands the values of Scouting and the great impact it has on the Scout’s life. Further, Mrs. Donovan-Dobiesz understands the critical role that women play in Scouting. As a recipient of the Council’s Distinguished Citizen Award, Mrs. Donovan-Dobiesz decided to establish a scholarship fund to encourage, reward and recognize female contributions to Scouting. Mrs. Donovan-Dobiesz will select the recipient of this scholarship based on the candidate’s participation in Scouting and non-scouting activities, leadership abilities, and commitment to the ideals of Scouting.

Procedures and Requirements

1) The person applying for the scholarship must complete the application personally.
2) The applicant must be female and a Scout member, leader, staff or volunteer with a high school diploma.
3) The applicant must be enrolled in or enrolling in a post high school educational program, including technical or vocational programs, full or part time.
4) The applicant may be a current student when applying (high school senior or a student in a post high school educational program).
5) Scholarship benefits will be paid by the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council, BSA directly to an accredited institution of higher learning after the winner submits a copy of a “tuition, fees, books and/or room and board” invoice to the local Scout office providing the winner maintains and upholds the standards of BSA.
6) Unless permitted by the scholarship committee in writing, the award winner must use the scholarship proceeds within 12 months otherwise the funds shall be deemed forfeited.
7) Successful applicants may reapply in subsequent years.
8) Answer all questions on the application. Use only the space provided (except for the endorsement letter and essay.)
9) Submitting the application is in no way a guarantee that a scholarship will be granted.
10) The scholarship committee’s decision is final and there is no appeal.
11) Applications become the property of the selection committee and will not be returned to the applicant.
12) The scholarship committee reserves the right to not award a winner or award multiple scholarships of lesser amounts.
13) The scholarship winner will be notified approximately two weeks prior to the Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner. The recipient agrees to make a short acceptance speech at the Award Dinner being held Thursday, October 29, 2015.
14) Completed applications should be sent to Nina Wolfson at: Nina.Wolfson@Scouting.org or Greater Tampa Bay Area Council, BSA, Attn: Nina Wolfson, 13228 N. Central Avenue, Tampa FL 33612
15) Applications must be postmarked by October 23, 2017.

Applicant’s Information

Name ______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Home Address __________________________________________ City __________________________ Zip _________________________

Home Phone Number (_____) _________________________ High School Graduation Date (Expected) ______________________________

Birth Date _______________________________ Name of Parent or Guardian (If applicant is a minor) __________________________________

Essay and Recommendation Letter

Please attach a one page essay describing how you believe scouting has affected your life and how it will influence the rest of your life. You may also choose to describe any obstacles you have overcome or are currently confronting that have made it difficult for you to continue your education.

Please attach a recommendation letter prepared by an unrelated adult such as your pastor, teacher, coach, Scout leader, co-worker, supervisor, etc.
Applicant Name: _________________________________________________________________

Scouting Record (Check all that apply)

☐ Venture Scout
☐ Explorer Scout
☐ Sea Scout
☐ BSA Staff
☐ Scout Leader
☐ Gold Award (Girl Scouts)
☐ Sea Scouting Quartermaster Award
☐ Quest Award
☐ Other __________________________________________________________

School, Extra Curricular Activities or Community Service

Name of current high school/preparatory school/College/technical program_________________________________________________________

Name of Current troop Leadership Position ______________________________________________________________________________________________

(Check all that apply)

Sports

☐ Baseball/Softball
☐ Basketball
☐ Cross-Country/Track
☐ Golf
☐ Soccer
☐ Volleyball
☐ Swimming
☐ Tennis
☐ Other (Please specify)

Church

☐ Youth Group
☐ Other (Please specify)

Clubs, Activities and Community Service

☐ International Studies
☐ Math
☐ Science
☐ Blood drives
☐ Civic (library, park, government)
☐ Drama/Community theater
☐ Debating
☐ Foreign Language
☐ Model UN
☐ National Honor Society
☐ Student government
☐ Tutoring/peer counseling
☐ Yearbook/magazine/newspaper

☐ Band/Orchestra
☐ Choir
☐ Chess
☐ History
☐ Exchange student program
☐ Food drives
☐ 4-H
☐ Junior Achievement
☐ Future Business Leaders of America
☐ Other (Please specify)

Authorization

I hereby authorize the scholarship committee to request and obtain any further information regarding my school record, Scout record or community service if it deems necessary. On my honor as a Scout, all information and statements on this form are true and correct.

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Signature of Applicant         Date

I have read this application and it has my approval.

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Signature of Guardian (If applicant is a minor)     Date