

YWCA Greater Cincinnati

2023 Mamie Earl Sells Scholarship Award

The YWCA is on a mission.

The mission of the YWCA is to empower women and eliminate racism. YWCA Greater Cincinnati reaches thousands of women, men and their families annually through critically needed programs that include two domestic violence shelters and transitional housing; prevention and intervention services; racial justice initiatives; the Career Women of Achievement Event; and the Mamie Earl Sells Scholarship Fund.

Mamie Earl Sells

Mamie Earl Sells was committed to young people, promoting programs that encouraged them to expand and improve their personal lives and career opportunities. This scholarship, being awarded for the 31st year, is dedicated to her memory. Personally dedicated to the YWCA during the last decade of her life, Mamie played a leadership role in developing the Career Women of Achievement event. **This scholarship award honors Mamie's philosophy that we must "lift as we climb". The scholarship is meant to recognize young Black women who have been successful academically despite facing hardships.**

Scholarship Application Criteria

- Student must be a **Black woman** (cis or trans).
- Student must have a minimum scholastic **average of "B" (3.0) from most recent grading period.**
- Student should be in the **top 1/3 of their high school class.**
- **Student must be able to demonstrate ability to overcome adversity.**
- Student must be residing in the **Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky** area.
- Top three Scholarships will be awarded upon **proof of enrollment** at a post-secondary institution or college.

Scholarship Evaluation Factors

This donor-restricted fund provides financial assistance to Black women entering academic post-secondary institutions. Factors evaluated by the scholarship committee include:

- Academic record
- Ability to overcome adversity
- Essay quality
- Involvement in extracurricular activities
- Community service
- Employment history
- Application of special talents

All information will be kept confidential.

The Mamie Earl Sells Scholarship finalists will receive recognition during the annual YWCA Career Women of Achievement Luncheon on May 10th. All ten finalists will be celebrated at a Spring Tea. Preceding the Tea they will engage in an interactive Workshop. Each scholar will also be paired with a YWCA Rising Star who will act as a "coach" over the next 18 months.

The following application is six pages long. **We recommend that you save a copy of your completed application for your records and that you confirm receipt of emailed applications. (Please note: Information will not save properly in form unless it is downloaded and saved to computer first.) Email completed form to shelms@ywcacin.org. Be sure to submit all required materials and fill out all sections of this application. A completed application packet will include:** this completed application, two typewritten essays, a current high school transcript, a copy of any ACT and/or SAT scores (*OPTIONAL*), and two letters of recommendation. Packet contents can be submitted in separate files, but we request all files be sent in one email. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED VIA EMAIL, POSTMARKED OR FAXED BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023.

No exceptions will be given.

(If needed, you may copy this application form or visit www.ywcacincinnati.org/mes)

Send Completed Application Packages to:

**YWCA Greater Cincinnati
Development Department – MES Scholarship
898 Walnut Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202**

Or Email to: shelms@ywcacin.org

For questions or more information, please call Sophia Gilligan Helms, 513-361-2127 or email shelms@ywcacin.org.

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Personal Information

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____

City, State _____ **Zip** _____ **Cell** _____

Email _____ **Birth Date** _____

Pronouns (ex: she, they) _____

Mother's Name _____ **Employer** _____ **Position** _____

Father's Name _____ **Employer** _____ **Position** _____

Guardian's Name _____ **Employer** _____ **Position** _____

Number of people living in your household (including yourself) _____ **Annual Gross Household Income**
 Less than \$25,000 \$25,000-\$50,000 \$50,000-\$75,000 \$75,000+

Academic Record

High School _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ **Fax** _____

Most Recent Grading Period GPA _____ **GPA Date** _____

Does your High School offer AP classes? Yes No

Class Size _____ **Class Rank (if applicable)** _____

High School Counselor Name
(Please Print) _____

High School Counselor Signature _____

Counselor Phone _____ **Counselor Email** _____

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College Information	
What is your proposed college major?	_____
To which schools have you applied?	_____

Which schools have accepted you?	_____

Which school are you planning to attend? (if decided)	_____

Please list any academic awards/honors you have received.

Name of Award/Honor	Year Received	Reason Received

Please list your extracurricular activities in school and select each year of participation. Be sure to include leadership positions.

Activity	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	Hours Per Week	Weeks Per Year	Office Held

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<i>Organization</i>	<i>Volunteer Role/Activity</i>	<i>Hours Volunteered</i>	<i>Dates of Service</i>	<i>High School Credit received? (y/n)</i>

Please list how many hours of community service your school requires, per year, if any: _____

Please list your paid employment history below.

Be sure to indicate whether you worked during the summer, the school year, or year-round.

<i>Name of Employer</i>	<i>Job Description</i>	<i>Dates of Employment</i>	<i>Average Hours/Week</i>	<i>Summer, School year, Year-round?</i>

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We are looking for young women to honor who have faced and have overcome adversity, while also living the scholarship motto "lift as we climb". The strength and courage to overpower life's unfortunate circumstances builds women whose goals align with the YWCA's mission to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

Essay Questions

Write a personal statement to answer the following questions.

Each essay should be typewritten and be approximately 300 words.

1. **Tell us about your greatest adversity.**

How has it affected who you are and the decisions you have made? How has it impacted your life goals?

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Essay Question

Write a personal statement to answer the following questions.

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2. What does Mamie Earl Sells' philosophy, "to lift as we climb," mean to you?

Share your personal experience. Be sure to explain why acting as a role model and mentor to young women of today and tomorrow is important not only for you, but for all women. You may include your education and career goals.

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Please check to ensure that you have completed and included the entire list of items in your application packet (packet contents can be submitted in separate files, request all files be sent in one email). If any pieces are not postmarked, emailed or faxed by January 18th, they will not be accepted.

- COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM** (Please remember to include your high school counselor's name and contact information, as well as your school's contact information)
- TWO ESSAYS, TYPEWRITTEN**
- ACADEMIC RECORD**
 - A COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT**
 - OPTIONAL: A COPY OF YOUR ACT and/or SAT SCORES**
- TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

How did you find out about this scholarship?

- School** **Youth Organization (Name)** _____
 Church/Religious Organization (Name) _____ **Other (Name)** _____

Please submit all materials (applications, essays, transcripts, optional test scores, and letters) together in one complete application package/email to:

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OR

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Thank you and good luck!