

2026 Martha Briggs Educational Club, Inc. Scholarship Announcement

The members of the Martha Briggs Educational Club are offering scholarships to students of color in the Greater New Bedford area. Martha Briggs Educational Club Scholarships will be awarded to students of color to continue their education in any degree area. Scholarships will be awarded to deserving Greater New Bedford area students who graduate from high school in June 2026.

Applicants vying for a scholarship must complete and submit the attached application form with a transcript, an essay, a personal statement, and two letters of recommendation. The personal statement should be 300 words or more and must include the following:

- Reasons for applying for this scholarship.
- Long-term career objective.
- Goals for college and the next five years.

Copies of this letter and the application forms are available by contacting the guidance offices of the high school that the student attends.

The application is also available electronically by sending an email to:

marthabriggsec@gmail.com

Finalists' interviews will be required. The deadline for the completed application with transcript and letters can be emailed to marthabriggsec@gmail.com in a PDF file by midnight April 17, 2026, or mailed and postmarked by April 17, 2026. Please mail them to:

Co-Chairs of Scholarship Committee: Darlene Spencer & Tanya Alves
Martha Briggs Educational Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 6248
New Bedford, MA 02742

**2026 MARTHA BRIGGS EDUCATIONAL CLUB, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

First, M.I. and Last Name

Home Address (PO Box not acceptable)

Street Address: Apartment number:

Email address

City State Zip

Telephone Gender ID Age

Race/Ethnicity

High School Graduation year:

Name of High School

Cum. GPA Class Rank (e.g. upper 20%)

(PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF TRANSCRIPT)

Student and Extracurricular Activities

Interest/Community Service/Work Experience

Work Experience

Please include any other circumstances/information that you feel is important and/or significant that you would like to share:

Number of members in family including you

Father's name Occupation

Mother's name Occupation

Total Family Income: (Check one)

Less than \$25,000 \$25,000 – 45,000
\$45,000 – 65,000 More than \$65,000

Other Scholarships or financial aid applied for and/or received and/or pending:

(Financial information/verification may be required and must be provided upon request)

College or Intended College (list three)

(1) Name

Location

Annual expenses

Tuition \$ Room/Board \$
Other \$ Books \$

(2) Name

Location

Annual expenses

Tuition \$ Room/Board \$
Other \$ Books \$

(3) Name

Location

Annual expenses

Tuition \$ Room/Board \$
Other \$ Books \$

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I hereby declare under the pains and penalties of perjury that this application and the information submitted as part of this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I understand that any misrepresentation will be grounds for immediate disqualification from consideration and/or receiving any scholarship:

Signature of Applicant

Date

All applications must be completed entirely. Each submission must include one essay, one personal statement, and at least two recommendation letters from a teacher or unrelated acquaintance. If the application is not completed in its entirety, including the essay, personal statement, and letters of recommendation, the entire application will be automatically disqualified.

Applications must be legible to be considered; therefore, it is strongly encouraged that responses be either typed or printed.

The personal statement must be **typed** and should contain no more than 300 words. **The personal statement** must include your education, career goals, and reasons for applying for this scholarship. The essay must be **typed** and should contain no more than 300 words. **The essay** must address: How your culture has impacted your life and/or your participation in your community. A resume may be included for work experience.

Interviews are required of each finalist. Your completed application with transcript, essay, personal statement, and two letters of recommendation must be **received by April 17, 2026.**

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