

## **ZEOLITE / MATHER HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**

To: Seniors of Mather High School, Chicago, Illinois

The Zeolites, a small group of alumnae from the Mather Class of 1964, wish to offer their fourteenth annual college scholarship to a member of Mather's senior class of 2013. Our scholarship will be in the amount of \$2,000 per year and will be renewed each year for a total of four years based upon academic and personal progress. Additional scholarships may also be awarded.

Applicants must:

- be a senior graduating from Mather in the Spring of 2013
- show academic success in high school (a GPA of not less than 2.50)
- show financial need
- in the fall term following graduation, enroll in a college or university that has been accredited by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)

*You can research accredited schools and programs that are accredited by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) at its website at <http://www.chea.org/default.asp?link=7>. It describes "Accreditation" as the review of the quality of higher education institutions and programs. In the United States, accreditation is a major way that students, families, government officials, and the press know that an institution or program provides a quality education.*

*Whether a college, university, or program is accredited is important for the following reasons:*

- *Students who want federal (and sometimes state) grants and loans need to attend a college, university, or program that is accredited.*
- *Employers ask if a college, university, or program is accredited before deciding to provide tuition assistance to current employees, evaluating the credentials of new employees, or making a charitable contribution.*
- *The federal government requires that a college, university, or program be accredited in order to be eligible for federal grants and loans or other federal funds.*
- *State governments require that a college, university, or program be accredited when they make state funds available to students or institutions and when they allow students to sit for state licensure examinations in some professional fields.*

To apply for this scholarship, applications must be submitted to your counselor at Mather **by March 4, 2013**. Each applicant must include:

1. Completed application (see attached form).
2. Official transcript of grades from Mather High School.
3. Letter(s) of reference from a Mather Teacher (to be sent directly to your counselor).
4. Personal statement of applicant (see attached form).
5. Financial statement form (FAFSA).

The award will be disbursed on behalf of the honored student directly to the academic institution to be used for tuition costs. All awards are to be paid prior to or during the academic year for which they are made, unless other arrangements are established with us. The award will be renewed annually for each of the following three years for full time students in good standing only, under the following conditions. At the end of each academic year (by the summer following that year), the student will be required to provide to the Zeolite Scholarship Fund:

- (a) verification in the form of an official college transcript, reflecting a minimum cumulative college GPA of not less than 2.50; and
- (b) the student's periodic written reports of progress towards their academic and vocational goals.

Selection will be made on the basis of the information provided with the application, without regard to an applicant's race, creed, religion, nationality or gender. A personal interview may be requested. Applicants are required to disclose all other grants and awards received. Should the applicant receive scholarship grants from other sources that in total equal or exceed the amount of tuition for a year, we reserve the right to reduce or rescind any award. The scholarship recipient will be announced no later than at the awards ceremony scheduled for May, 2013.

We wish to commend all applicants on their achievements at Mather and wish them good luck in continuing their academic studies.

## The ZEOLITES