



# LAURENCE M. SCHOLARSHIP MELTZER

The **Laurence M. Meltzer Scholarship** has been created in cooperation with **The Devon C. Rubenstein Foundation (DCRF)\*** to award a one-time \$12,000 scholarship to a Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) student who actively participates in the *Our Minds Matter (“OMM”)* program and shows outstanding effort in promoting mental health awareness & suicide prevention.

\*DCRF is a charitable foundation that was founded in 2018 to help prevent suicide among young adults. Creating a culture of understanding, awareness of mental health and active suicide prevention is key to achieving our mission.

Our primary initiative to solely fund the introduction and management of the Our Minds Matter (OMM) program in **public high schools throughout Montgomery County, Maryland.** Based on recent qualitative research, we know OMM is making a positive difference in the lives of young adults across the country.





## ELIGIBILITY, FORM & FINE PRINT

### ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants (“Applicant(s)”) must be seniors and enrolled in a Montgomery County, Maryland (MCPS) public high school. Applicants must have actively participated in at least four (4) or more meetings during the 2022-23 school year according to the OMM sign-in form. If a club sponsor provides evidence that a student applying for the scholarship attended more OMM club meetings than reflected in the OMM sign-in portal, or provided services for the club external to club meetings at large, then the club sponsor shall provide another attendance record (i.e., a school mandated attendance record) to be considered for eligibility of the Scholarship. Applicants are solely responsible for signing in to their club’s attendance portal through the sign-in link made available by their club leaders.

Additionally, if a scholarship applicant has been actively involved in their school’s OMM club but is just under the four (4) meeting attendance requirement, the club sponsor shall provide an explanation of the student’s active participation to be considered for eligibility of the Scholarship. For example, if a student has devoted several hours outside of club meetings or leadership meetings that is not reflected in the sign-in portal, this activity is considered active participation so long as the club sponsor provides documentation. Likewise, if a student was unable to attend club meetings due to family obligations, illness, or other responsibilities, etc. their club sponsor shall provide a written explanation for why they are just under the meeting attendance rate requirement.



Potential winners must sign an Affidavit of Eligibility in order to claim the Scholarship.

Applicants shall not be discriminated against based on a particular sex, race, ethnic background or religion.

### **EXTENDED EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP USE**

In the case that a scholarship recipient's tuition for one (1) year does not exceed the scholarship reward amount (i.e., tuition is less than \$12,000/year), the remainder of the scholarship reward may be used for the following year(s) of education until the reward amount is depleted

The Devon C. Rubenstein Foundation ("DCRF"), The Meltzer Family, and OMM staff, as well as their immediate family members (spouses, parents, children, siblings, and their respective spouses, regardless of where they live) or persons living in the same household of such employees, whether or not related, are not eligible to apply for the Scholarship. The Scholarship Selection Committee will determine eligibility at its sole discretion.

*\*\*Any attempt by an Applicant to submit more than one entry by using multiple and/or different identities, forms, registrations, email addresses, logins, or any other method, will disqualify that Applicant's entry, and that Applicant will be disqualified from the Scholarship. No purchase or payment of any kind is necessary to apply for the Scholarship.*





## HOW TO ENTER

### SUBMISSIONS

Click to complete the [Scholarship Application](#).

If you have any questions regarding your submission, or need additional information regarding the Scholarship, please email [Liz@dcrfinc.org](mailto:Liz@dcrfinc.org).

### DUE DATE

Applications must be received on April 17, 2023.

### DETAILS

In a written essay of no less than 750 words, please share your experiences as an OMM club member; your participation in, and knowledge gained through the OMM club, as well as your own personal efforts in advocating for mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Entries must be typed and submitted in Times Roman, 12 point font, and double-spaced.

Please make sure you take the time to read the following rules and regulations regarding this scholarship opportunity.

### NOTIFICATION

The Winner will be notified by email on May 19th. Winner shall be selected on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis





## THE FINE PRINT

### DISBURSEMENT

The Applicant selected to receive the Scholarship (“Winner”) is required to provide proof of acceptance or current student enrollment, part time or full time, from the college, university, vocational or trade school (“collectively “Institution”) prior to funds being released to the Institution. The Winner must inform the Scholarship Selection Committee (“Committee”) of the Institution they are planning to attend at least sixty (60) calendar days before the beginning of their first semester in the same calendar year the scholarship was awarded. In the event the Winner chooses to defer enrollment, the Committee must be notified within three hundred five (305) calendar days from the date the Winner was notified of the Scholarship. Proof of acceptance/enrollment is required as outlined herein. Failure to timely notify the committee and provide proof of acceptance/enrollment will result in forfeiture of the scholarship. In the event Winner’s deferment is due to enlistment in the military service and documentation of the applicable military service is provided, the Winner must claim the Scholarship no more that thirty four (34) months from the date Winner is notified of the Scholarship. The Scholarship Selection Committee will not disburse scholarship funds or monies directly to the Winner, only to the Institution indicated by Winner. In cases where, prior to full disbursement, a Winner changes or transfers to a new Institution, or ceases attending or leaves the Institution for any reason, the Winner shall promptly notify the Committee of such change in their enrollment at the Institution, which shall be no later than five (5) business days after such change has been notified to the applicable Institution. Upon receipt of notification, the Committee shall disburse any remaining scholarship funds to the new Institution.

All potential Winners are subject to verification by the Committee, whose decisions are final and binding in all matters related to the Scholarship. An Applicant is not a Winner unless and until Applicant’s eligibility has been verified and Applicant has been notified that verification is complete.



## RELEASE OF LIABILITY

By participating, each Applicant (and, if a minor, their parent or legal guardian) agrees to release, discharge, and hold harmless the Committee, DCRF, The Meltzer Family (specifically, Alan, Amy, Jennifer, Edward, Elizabeth, Max, Tai, Mark and Kerry), OMM, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees, agents, and representatives of the foregoing (collectively, “Released Parties”) from any and all injuries, liability, losses, and damages of any kind to persons, including death, or property resulting, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from student’s participation in the Scholarship or any Scholarship-related activity or the acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of any awarded prize.

Persons who tamper with or abuse any aspect of the Scholarship, who act in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or who are in violation of these Official Rules, as solely determined by the Committee, will be disqualified and all associated entries will be void. Should any portion of the Scholarship be, in the Committee’s sole opinion, compromised by non-authorized human intervention or other causes which, in the sole opinion of the Committee, corrupt or impair the administration, security, fairness or proper play, or submission of entries, the Committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend, modify, or terminate the Scholarship and, if terminated, at its discretion, award the prizes from among all non-suspect, eligible entries received up to time of such action using the judging procedure outlined above or as otherwise deemed fair and appropriate by the Committee.

## PUBLICITY GRANT/PERMISSION

By submitting an entry to the Scholarship competition, Applicants acknowledge that all submissions may be posted on the DCRF website and the OMM website, and/or their social media outlets for viewing by the general public. Applicants also grant in perpetuity, a nonexclusive license to edit, publish, display, duplicate or otherwise use the submission of the Applicant’s written application to the Committee or their designee’s sole discretion and without further notice or compensation. Participation in the Scholarship constitutes each Applicant’s consent to the Committee’s use or distribution of their name, hometown, state and/or county of residence, and high school for promotional, advertising, research and other purposes (including with their school and school district regarding entry and potential or actual receipt of scholarship funds) in a manner



or media (including, without limitation, online, on websites and in social media) without payment consideration, notice, review or consent.

By participating, each Applicant (and, if a minor, their parent or legal guardian) agrees to abide by these official rules and all decisions of the Committee, which shall be final and binding in all respects to the Scholarship.

## DISPUTES

Except where prohibited, each Applicant agrees that: (1) any and all disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Scholarship or any prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the United States District Court for the District of Maryland or the appropriate State Court located in Maryland; (2) any and all claims, judgments and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with entering this Scholarship, but in no event attorneys' fees; and (3) under no circumstances will Applicant be permitted to obtain awards for, and Applicant hereby waives all rights to claim, indirect, punitive, incidental and consequential damages and any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses, and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, or the rights and obligations of the Applicant and the Committee in connection with the Scholarship, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Maryland, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules, which would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Maryland.

## PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Devon C. Rubenstein Foundation (collectively, "we," "us," or "our" as applicable) owns and operates the <https://forms.gle/1c4CKYXjImYGvSoT7> and [www.DCRF.org](http://www.DCRF.org) including subdomains and mobile versions of each, (a "Site," and collectively, the "Sites"), as well as our mobile application (the "Application"). We recognize that Applicants may be concerned about the information they provide to us, and how we treat that information. This statement informs you of our policies regarding the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information when you submit an application for the scholarship.

- Information You Give Us While completing the Application: We may ask you to provide us with certain personally identifiable information that can be used to contact or identify you. Personally identifiable information may include, but is not limited to Email Address, First and Last Name, Phone Number, City, State, Zip/Postal Code, Age, Date of Birth, and any information that may deanonymize you.
- Information from Other Sources: We may also collect this information from a wide range of other sources to confirm Applicant's eligibility and accuracy of the Application.



- To Communicate With You and Provide You With Information: We may use your information to communicate with you, to respond to your questions or comments, to provide you with updates and news, or to alert you of the identity of the Winner.
- To Comply With Legal Requirements: We may use the information that we collect to comply with legal requirements, based on representations we make to appropriate government entities.

We will store your information only for as long as we need to use your information for the above purposes.

