Application
2026 Maude Ella Park Memorial Scholarship
Madison County Democratic Woman's Club

Applicant's Name (Last, First, Middle) _____ Preferred Pronoun_____

Address_____ Phone Number_____
(Street, City, Zip)

Is the applicant registered with the Kentucky Democratic Party? _____ If not able to register yet, do you intend to register as a member of the Kentucky Democratic Party? _____

Name of High School_____
(Indicate in the line above if home schooled. Verification is required.)

Name of the post-secondary school (university, trade school, vocational school, etc.) which the applicant plans to attend and the location of the school (city and state) _____

Intended Major_____ Intended Minor_____

Attach the following to this application:
1. List of activities you have participated in on behalf of the Democratic Party (BE SPECIFIC).
2. List of activities pertaining to school and community.
3. List of special recognitions or honors received.
4. Two (2) character reference letters from persons not related to you in the following categories: Community (1); School (1).
5. Essay on why you support the Democratic Party. Essay must be one page, typed, double spaced.
6. Official School Transcript.
7. Notarized declaration that applicant will register with the KY Democratic Party upon reaching voting age (if not able to register yet.)

Completed by school counselor:
Applicant will graduate spring 2026: YES NO
GPA (unweighted)_____
Class Rank _____

ACT Score (if taken) _____

Signature_____

Winner of the $1000 Maude Ella Park Memorial Scholarship to be submitted to the Democratic Woman's Club of Kentucky (DWCK) $1,000 essay competition. The winner of the DWCK scholarship will be required to attend the DWCK State Convention in the fall to receive that scholarship and give a four (4) minute talk on:
Why I am Democrat.
What are my future goals?
What the DWCK Scholarship means to me.

All application materials must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2026.
Return this form and all required attachments to: Madison County Democratic Woman's Club, PO Box 357, Richmond, KY 40476.

Application will be voided without the following signature.
My signature below signifies that the essay submitted is truly my own work, and I agree to the use of it by the Democratic Woman's Club if I am chosen as the winner of this scholarship. My signature also signifies that all statements as to party affiliation and colleges or universities of choice are correct. I understand I will be required to accept scholarship(s) in person.

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Signature Date

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The Madison County Democratic Woman's Club is currently seeking applications for the 2026 Maude Ella Park Memorial Scholarship. This $1000 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior residing in Madison County. The winner of the Maude Ella Park Memorial Scholarship will be forwarded to the Democratic Woman's Club of Kentucky for consideration for the state scholarship award. The winner at the state level will receive a $1,000 scholarship.

Scholarship Requirements:

- Must be a resident of Madison County who will graduate in spring 2026.
- Must have a minimum unweighted 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA). Submit an official transcript as proof.
- Applicant must plan to attend an accredited. post-secondary school (university, trade school, vocational school, etc.) Applicants planning to attend an accredited school in Kentucky will be awarded10 points. Applicants planning to attend an accredited school outside of Kentucky will be awarded seven (7) points.
- Applicant must be a registered Democrat or, if not yet able to register, must submit a notarized statement that the applicant will register as a Democrat as soon as eligible.
- Applicant must submit a one-page essay (typed, double spaced) on "Why I support the Democratic Party." The essay must be the work of the applicant, and the use of AI is not permitted.
- **Provide a list of activities the applicant has participated in on behalf of the Democratic Party (BE SPECIFIC). Examples of such activities may include but are not limited to the following: assisting with Democratic campaigns, voter registration drives, telephone banking, canvassing, transporting voters to the polls, handing out materials, attending demonstrations, working on ballot initiatives, constitutional amendments or legislation, and voting. <u>This is the most important part of the application.</u>**
- Provide a list of activities pertaining to school, civic or community clubs, and other scholarships received.
- Provide a list of special recognitions or honors received.
- Submit two (2) character reference letters: one from a school official or teacher, which must be on a letterhead and one from a community leader. No letters from relatives may be submitted. The letters must be attached to the application and should speak to the student's academic ability, character, school and community involvement, and potential for active citizenship in the future.
- Complete and sign the Scholarship Application, acknowledging that the essay is the work of the applicant, and that the applicant will be required to accept the scholarship award(s) in person.
- The winner of the Maude Ella Park Memorial Scholarship will be submitted for consideration for the Democratic Woman's Club of Kentucky $1,000 scholarship award. The winner of the that scholarship will be required to attend the DWCK State Convention in the fall* and give a four-minute talk on: 1) Why I am a Democrat; 2) What are my future goals; 3) What the DWCK Scholarship means to me. A hotel room for one night and three tickets (for recipient and parents) will be provided by the DWCK.
- Essay will not be returned to the applicant.

The application and required attachments must be **postmarked** no later than **March 31, 2026**, and mailed to: Madison County Democratic Woman's Club
P.O. Box 357
Richmond, KY 40476

The winner will be notified by phone and by letter. The Maude Ella Park Memorial Scholarship will be awarded at the April 2026* meeting of the Madison County Democratic Woman's Club. The winner must attend to read his/her/their essay and to receive the check. The winner will receive honorary membership in the club for 2026. Formal notification will be sent to each applicant as to their status in the selection.

If you have a question about the application or process, please contact the Madison County Democratic Woman's Club at MCDWC@yahoo.com.

*These dates might change due to the unforeseen circumstances and in-person attendance might be via ZOOM.