



Mary Sachs was called a “Merchant Princess” by U. S. Sen. Edward Martin in 1958, and Eleanor Roosevelt described her in 1960 as “a very remarkable woman.” She came to the United States from Lithuania as a 4-year-old. After losing her job in a Harrisburg dress shop for being honest with a customer, she decided to open her own business. Long on ingenuity and short on cash, she opened her doors on September 6, 1918 and focused on personal service and style. She was quickly successful. Surviving a disastrous fire in 1931, she reopened as soon as possible at 208 N. Third Street and became the premier ladies’ fashion store in Harrisburg. Viewing herself as a collector of philanthropy, she said in a 1960 interview, “I am a collector of helping. It makes me feel more alive.” Mary Sachs died in 1960 at age 72. *From Mary O. Bradley, The Patriot-News October 11, 2005*

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Female graduating high school seniors in Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, or Lancaster County
2. Plans to study fashion, fashion design, retailing, entrepreneurship or business
3. Extra consideration will be given to students planning to study fashion, fashion design, retailing, or entrepreneurship
4. Plans to attend any 2- or 4-year school or trade school as a full-time student. Extra consideration will be given to students attending a school in the state of Pennsylvania
5. Community involvement

HOW TO APPLY

The application process is online. You can access and submit the application beginning January 1.

[Click here](#) to access the online application.

If you are signing back in to complete your application, please [click here](#).

Before accessing the application, be prepared to attach the following items:

***** YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL THESE ITEMS ARE ATTACHED*****

1. Student Resume: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
2. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): Please attach the report in its entirety. This report must include the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Please be aware that the SAR is **not** the same as the Summary Report. In addition to the SAR, you may also provide a letter with information you believe will be useful in determining your financial need (e.g., family and student income). Are there extenuating circumstances of which we should be aware? For example, illness in the family, loss of employment, or other relevant information?
3. Personal Essay: Discuss some of your significant life experiences to date, i.e. family situations, school activities, community service, etc. as well as both educational and career goals. Typewritten, 12 pt. font, double spaced, 3 page maximum.

The following requirements must be emailed to scholarshipapplications@tfec.org separately. These items will not appear as attachments to your online application or prevent you from submitting:

The following requirements must be emailed by your school’s counseling office:

1. *Official Transcript.* Home schooled students should submit a detailed grade report.
2. *School Counselor Form.* [Click here](#) to download the form. ***Current college students are not required to submit a School Counselor Form. Your college or university Official Transcript should be sent by mail or email directly from your college or university.***

The following requirements must be emailed by your personal references:

1. *Three (3) Personal Reference Letters.* At least one letter must be from a high school teacher or counselor on school letterhead. At least one letter must be from someone in the community who can speak to your community service work. Letters from family members will not be accepted. ***All reference letters must remain confidential.***

RENEWABILITY

This scholarship is a one-time only award; however, college students who received the award as a graduating high school senior, may re-apply each consecutive year for consideration by completing the **full** application process.

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Your Official Transcript must be mailed or sent as a certified PDF emailed directly from your university. It is your responsibility to ensure that your transcript is received by the deadline. The transcript **must be received** by the deadline, **not postmarked**.

Mail Official Transcript to:

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities
Mary Sachs Memorial Scholarship
Attn: Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator
200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

OR

Email Official Transcript to:

scholarshipapplications@tfec.org
Faith Elmes, Scholarship Coordinator

MATCHING AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

AES/PHEAA's PATH Program: Scholarship recipients are eligible to have their awards matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by AES/PHEAA's *PATH ("Partnerships for Access to Higher Education") Program*. PHEAA may grant matching funds to scholarship recipients who are enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania college or career school as an undergraduate student on at least a half-time basis, who are a Pennsylvania state grant recipient and who demonstrate financial need. Students must also be a resident of Pennsylvania, not in default on any educational loans, maintain academic progress, and not be considered an incarcerated student. The match provides last-dollar support for tuition and fees. *Scholarship funds used for reimbursement of textbook purchases are not eligible for a PATH Program match.* The scholarship recipient's information is submitted to PHEAA by TFEC staff. No additional work will be asked of the scholarship recipient. For more information regarding AES/PHEAA, please refer to their website at www.pheaa.org.