



# Margaret S. Staples Scholarship Application

## Fall 2025

The purpose for the Margaret S. Staples Scholarship is to provide a \$500 scholarship award to a deserving student of Miami Dade College (Homestead Campus). The scholarship applicant must be pursuing an undergraduate degree and **MUST** be currently enrolled at Miami Dade College-Homestead Campus. All fields of study will be considered.

### Application Criteria

The Margaret S. Staples Scholarship Award will be given in the amount of \$500.00.

1. The scholarship applicant must be a U.S. citizen, currently enrolled at Miami Dade College-Homestead Campus for Fall 2025.
2. Dual Enrollment students from participating high schools do not qualify for this scholarship.
3. The applicant must show proof of their current semester schedule.
4. The applicant must have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher; must submit proof by uploading unofficial college transcripts.
5. The applicant must submit two letters of recommendations that must be signed.
6. Academic essay: See the essay prompt below. Please note, your essay should have a minimum word count of 75 with a maximum word count of 150.
7. The scholarship will be awarded based on academic achievement, character and/or community service/campus involvement.
8. The application must be submitted on time with all information completed and emailed to the following address: **MGZscholarshipapplications@gmail.com**

All documents must be time stamped by December 2, 2025 on or before 11:59 pm. Any applications submitted after the deadline date and time will not be accepted.

Danielle Perez

Chairperson, Scholarship Committee

For all questions or concerns please email: [Danip.zeta1@gmail.com](mailto:Danip.zeta1@gmail.com)



Please complete each section of the application.

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ US Citizen: Yes or No

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Miami Dade College Campus Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study/College Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment status (circle one): Freshman      Sophomore      Junior      Senior

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Credits Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

List your college campus and/or community service involvements:

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List your college campus accomplishments:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Scholarship Background information:**

Margaret Staples was an extraordinary educator who believed that knowledge is a source of true power. She understood that education not only shapes individuals but strengthens communities, giving people the tools to change their lives and the world around them. Her life's mission was to ensure that all students, regardless of background, had access to education. Margaret Staples saw education as a fundamental right and worked tirelessly to make it available to everyone, knowing that knowledge could break barriers and open doors to a brighter future.

### **Scholarship Essay Prompt:**

In 75-150 words, discuss the role of scholarships in expanding access to education. How do scholarships create opportunities for individuals to pursue their dreams and overcome financial barriers? Share a personal story or an example of how receiving or striving for a scholarship has impacted your educational journey or inspired others in your life. Reflect on how the legacy of educators like Margaret Staples, who championed the power of knowledge, can continue to inspire future generations to seek education and use it as a tool for empowerment.

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**Checklist:**

<b>Completed &amp; Signed application</b>	
<b>2 Letters of Recommendations</b>	
<b>75-150 Word Essay</b>	
<b>Copy of Fall 2025 Schedule</b>	
<b>Copy of Unofficial College Transcripts</b>	

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