

## **Marie J. O'Mara Scholarship**

**Description/ Qualifying Criteria:** *A scholarship awarded to a Marshall High School graduating senior pursuing a career in elementary education, special education, physical therapy or occupational therapy. Applicants should exhibit involvement in school and community activities, such as community service or as part of a group and/or organization. Financial need and a minimum 2.5 GPA are required. Students who receive this scholarship are encouraged to apply for further support in subsequent years; however, scholarship may be awarded for no more than two years to one recipient.*

**Essay Questions for First-Time Applicants:** 1) Why do you feel it is important to be involved in extracurricular activities and how has it impacted your school career? 2) Why have you chosen to pursue this field of study and what life experiences have influenced your decision to study in this field?

**Essay Questions for Previous Recipients:** 1) How have your most recent classes or experiences in college influenced your career path or your life goals? 2) Why do you feel it is important to be involved in extracurricular activities and how has it impacted your college career?

**Recommendation Letters:** Two required- one from a **recent** school educator/administrator and one from an adult member of the community (not a family member).

**Financial Criteria:** *Yes, complete the financial information portion of the online application and upload the first page only of your FAFSA Student Aid Report.*

**Application Process:** Complete the online application found on the Marshall Community Foundation website: [marshallcf.org/receive/scholarships/apply/](http://marshallcf.org/receive/scholarships/apply/). This is a new process, so please contact the Foundation for assistance or with any questions you may have.

**Deadline:** March 1

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