

# GLORIA MATTERA NATIONAL MIGRANT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**Purpose:** To assist financially those migrant farmworker youth who have the potential and desire to further their education to achieve their personal and career goals.

**Awards:** Grant amounts are determined by the Screening Committee on the basis of background in migrant farm work, financial need, and potential of the youth. The Fund grants approximately 100 awards annually in the amount of up to \$250.

**Eligibility:**

- Recent history of movement for agricultural employment - priority will be given to currently interstate migrant youth
- Scholastic potential
- Financial need
- Enrolled in or accepted at an accredited public or private college, technical or vocational school, or a dropout or a potential dropout from high school who shows promise of ability to continue schooling

**Application Process:** A completed application form must be accompanied by:

- a letter of recommendation from a school, community or educational agency representative with a personal knowledge of the applicant's character, educational commitment, and financial need;
- applicant's personal essay telling about his/her background, career and personal goals, and indicating why he/she should receive this assistance;
- proof that the student has been admitted to the school chosen;
- a copy of the applicant's current or most recent Migrant Education Program Certificate of Eligibility (COE).

The application deadline is April 1st of each year and must be postmarked by that date.

**Submit application along with all supporting documents to:**

**Gloria Mattera National Migrant Scholarship Fund  
Geneseo Migrant Center  
3 Mt. Morris - Leicester Road  
Leicester, NY 14481**

Additional application forms and further information can be obtained at the Geneseo Migrant Center website:

[www.migrant.net](http://www.migrant.net)

# Gloria Mattera National Migrant Scholarship Fund Application Form

This form must be accompanied by at least one reference letter, a personal essay, proof of acceptance to a post-secondary school, and a copy of a current or most recent Migrant Education Program Certificate of Eligibility (COE) as specified on the cover page of this application.

## APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Middle Initial Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address (if different from mailing address)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of parent(s) or legal guardian Parent/guardian occupation(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's date of birth: Place of birth Personal goal/career choice  
month/day/year

## MIGRANT STATUS

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
Date (month and year) of most recent move for agricultural employment by applicant or applicant's family Number of years (or months) working in agriculture by applicant or applicant's family

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
Last type of agricultural work done

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of towns and states in which the family or applicant worked in agriculture in the last twelve months

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and address of school(s) attended in those states, if any

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of school presently attending Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
School address Anticipated date of graduation

\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of secondary or post-secondary program to which applicant has been accepted (if different from school listed above) Telephone

**NOTE:** you will need to attach proof of acceptance for this school

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
School address Anticipated date of graduation

## FAMILY INCOME - In which bracket does your family income fall?

\_\_\_\_\_ 0-\$10,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,001 - 15,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15,001 - 20,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20,001 - 25,000  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$25,001 - 30,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$30,001 - 35,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$35,001 +

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - PLEASE ITEMIZE AS SPECIFICALLY AS POSSIBLE**

List all financial assistance approved and/or anticipated for the academic year including assistance from parents, loans, scholarships, work-study, TAP, etc.

Type	Amount

Anticipated expenses for academic year.

Tuition
Books
Housing
Meals
Transportation
Other (please specify)

**REFERENCE LETTERS**

At least one letter from an adult must be included with your application. The reference letter may not be written by the applicant, anyone under 21 years of age, or anyone related to the applicant or serving as legal guardian. Please have the reference write a letter addressing the student’s character, educational commitment, achievements, grades, etc., and supporting the need for financial assistance.

Last Name	First Name	Title (Mr/Ms/Mrs/Dr)	(      ) Daytime Phone
Address	City	State	Zip
Association with applicant (examples - teacher, counselor, minister, employer, etc.)			(      ) Evening Phone

The information on this form and contained in the application package is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by the following signature.

Applicant’s Signature	Date
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<b><u>APPLICATION CHECKLIST:</u></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Migrant Education Certificate of Eligibility (COE)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reference Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of Acceptance	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed and Signed Application Form
<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Essay	

The Gloria Mattera National Migrant Scholarship Fund was founded in 1974 to honor Joseph Mattera, the father of the founder of the Geneseo Migrant Center. The name was changed to include Gloria Mattera upon her death in 1988.

Dr. Gloria Mattera, founder of the Geneseo Migrant Center, was born in Rochester, NY on April 16, 1930. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Brockport and her doctorate in education from the Pennsylvania State University. As a member of the SUNY Geneseo Education Department faculty, Dr. Mattera developed and led a summer program for teachers of the children of migrant farmworkers. She recognized the need for services for migrant children, and in 1968 founded the Center. It soon expanded to include day care programs for infants and preschoolers, and adult education and recreation, as these needs became apparent.

Recognized for her work on behalf of farmworkers at the local, state, and national levels by her peers, the leading providers of migrant education and other services, Dr. Mattera received numerous awards throughout her career. MEMO, a periodic publication for the national Migrant Education Program, featured her in its April 1987 issue as a "Founding Mother" of migrant education. She was known to farmworkers all along the East coast as "Doc Mattera." The Center she founded continues today to provide programs guided by her philosophy of respect and support for the workers.



*"Let migrant farmworkers live and work with the dignity befitting the importance of their task"*  
Gloria Mattera

*The Gloria Mattera National Migrant Scholarship Fund is made available through private donation and fundraising efforts. Donations to the Fund are tax deductible.*

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