

Margaret G. Baker Second Chance Award

Application Deadline:	May 6, 2011*
Award Announcements:	May 22, 2011
Funding Released (2 Tier):	July 15, 2011 December 15, 2011

* All supporting documents must also be postmarked by this date. If an application deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, supporting documents may be postmarked the next business day.

Program Overview:

We believe education is a key value of My Sister's Keeper Foundation for Women, Inc. Therefore, The Margaret G. Baker Second Chance Award supports women who desire to enhance themselves by furthering their secondary, graduate and post-graduate education and are seeking to advance their careers, change careers, or re-enter the work force.

Our goal is to provide academic scholarships that will be awarded to women ages 25 years old and above, who are seeking to complete secondary education and increase their career options. We aim to provide women the opportunity to return to school with the help of needed financial awards. Recipients must be currently enrolled in or have completed the MSK Coaching program within the last two years and currently enrolled in or recently accepted into an accredited degree/professional development program.

Scholarship funds are provided support for course work for a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, second bachelor's degree, or specialized training in technical/vocational or professional fields. Funds are available for distance learning. Course work must be taken at an accredited two- or four-year college or

university, or at a technical school that is fully licensed or accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Currently enrolled and/or completed MSK Program in last two years
- At least 25 years of age by the application deadline
- Must demonstrate financial need, motivation or work experience in a chosen career, community involvement, and scholastic achievement in prior educational endeavor(s)
- Must submit two letters of recommendation, an updated curriculum vitae, and a description of how the applicant will use this award to continue her education
- Evidence that formal education has been interrupted or delayed
- Demonstrated commitment to resume educational studies and/or enhance or change their careers
- Currently enrolled in an accredited program or
- Recently accepted into a certification or degreed program
- Must have completed the Margaret G. Baker Second Chance Award application (to be forwarded to the Margaret G. Baker Second Chance Award committee)

All applications will be reviewed by the Margaret G. Baker Second Chance Award committee and will be judged on the above criteria

- Value of the award will vary based on availability of funds
- An applicant may only apply for one award during a calendar year
- Awardees will need to commit to a minimum of 36 hours of volunteer service to MSK over a nine month period

Applicant Demographics

Date: _____(mm/dd/yyyy)

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____ Apt No. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

DOB: _____(mm/dd/yyyy)

Employer: _____

Title/Position: _____

Employment Status:

Full Time Part Time Temp Self Employed

Hire Date: _____

Marital Status:

__ Single __ Married __ Divorce __ Widow

Education Profile

What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

High School/GED Some College Graduate

Are you currently in a program/college/university?

Yes No

Name of
Institution: _____
Program/Degree: _____
Major/Minor: _____
Anticipated completion/graduation date?
_____(mm/yyyy)
*Please submit an official transcript to My Sister's Keeper
Foundation for Women by the application deadline.*

If not currently enrolled, please provide the following
information:

Anticipated Enrollment Date:
_____(mm/dd/yyyy)
Name of
Institution: _____
Program/Degree: _____
Major/Minor: _____
Anticipated completion/graduation date?
_____(mm/yyyy)
*Please attach acceptance letter from the named institution to this
application.*

Applicant Essays

Responses can be attached in a separate document.
All responses must be submitted with the application.

Please describe how your educational studies have
been previously delayed or interrupted.

References

References will need to submit a confidential reference to My Sister's Keeper Foundation for Women at the prescribed application deadline.

The reference should include:

- Confirmation of your commitment to return to school and/or advancing/changing your career
- Length of time he/she has known you
- The capacity in which he/she has known you
- How he/she will support you in completing the program and/or degree requirements

For follow up purposes, please provide the contact information for your references.

1. Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Email: _____
Phone Number: _____
Mobile Number: _____
2. Name: _____
Relationship: _____
Email: _____
Phone Number: _____
Mobile Number: _____