

Ripple of Kindness Scholarship Opportunity
Application Deadline (Online): March 24, 2023

On the occasion of her 60th Birthday, Kim Finkel established the Ripple of Kindness Scholarship Award and invited her friends to join her in the endeavor. She now wishes to award the more than \$150,000 that was contributed in her honor to give an educational opportunity to four female students.

The award is a \$10,000 annual scholarship that will be given to a Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) graduating female student whose parents do not have a college degree. The scholarship may be renewed for up to four years giving it a value of up to \$40,000 in total. Two awards will be given in 2023.

To be eligible for consideration, the students must meet the following criteria:

- Must be nominated by an MCPS Counselor or Administrator
- Must be a female graduating senior from an MCPS High School;
- Must have parents who have not earned a college degree;
- Must have at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average (unweighted);
- Must be committed to enrolling as a full-time student at a four-year college or university.

To apply for the scholarship, interested eligible students must take the following actions:

- Nominated Students must complete an application through the MCPS Educational Foundation online scholarship portal;
- Provide an unofficial high school transcript;
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor.

If chosen for the scholarship, the recipient agrees to:

- Provide the MCPS Educational Foundation with a letter of acceptance from a four-year college or university;
- Register as a full-time student at a four-year college or university;
- Submit an official college transcript and college-generated official invoice to the Foundation at the end of each academic semester at the four-year college or university.
- Maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (unweighted).

Selection Process

A committee of at least five persons that includes the following representatives will make the selection:

- Foundation Director (2)
- The Donor
- An MCPS high school alumnus/alumna
- An MCPS Teacher or Administrator