

The MILTON FISHER SCHOLARSHIP for INNOVATION and CREATIVITY

Milton Fisher Scholarship
2012 Application Form

This form may be photocopied. For updated (2013 and beyond) forms, use www.rbffoundation.org.

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Jr. etc	Birth date (month/day/year)

This year (2011-012), I am (check one):

- a high school Junior (defined as graduating 2013)
- a high school Senior (graduating/graduated 2012)
- out of school, but applying to college for 2011-12
- a first-year college student

For high school, I go / went to:

Name of School	City	State	Years Attended	
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I have decided on a college. I plan to attend: (fill in college name above)

My college major will likely be:

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I have not decided on a college but I have been accepted or waitlisted at: (fill in college name above)

**Applicants who have been admitted to college (or waitlisted) must submit a photocopy of the letter of acceptance (or the wait list letter) for verification. Current first-year college students need only send their transcript*

1) CONTACT INFORMATION

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Street Address / Apt #	phone number	email address
	<p><i>*We reserve the right to interview some applicants—by phone, on a case-by-case basis. We do not generally interview applicants, and you should not assume you have not won the scholarship just because we do not contact you. If we were to interview you, it would be in July or August, so let us know how to reach you.</i></p>	
Street Address line 2		
City / State / Zip		

2) MAIN ESSAY QUESTION

Have you solved a scientific, artistic or technical problem in a new and unusual way? Have you come up with a distinctive and original solution to a problem faced by your school, community or family? Have you developed an innovative way to save the environment or improve people's health? On a separate sheet, in **800 words or less**, please tell us about it. Please be specific. Give us details. Tell us what you did, and why. This is the most important part of your application, along with the letters of recommendation and any other materials that corroborate what you describe here. The originality of your project is key (founding a branch of a national organization in your community or school, for example, would not qualify as sufficiently fresh or distinctive.)

Your essay should focus primarily on one specific achievement. However, you should also try to show us that that instance was part of a pattern in your life of taking the initiative to find creative, innovative solutions to problems. NOTE: You must provide evidence of your project other than this essay. At least one of your two letters of recommendation should come from someone who can provide their perspective on your project. You are also welcome to submit other relevant corroborating materials (please provide 8 copies). Applications that do not include evidence of the project will not be considered. **Please label this essay "Main Essay"**.

3) SUPPORTING INFORMATION: SHORT ESSAY ABOUT PLANS AND GOALS

We are interested in knowing what you will do with this scholarship. What are your immediate (college) plans and your more long-term goals? What do you hope to accomplish? How do these goals build on what you have already accomplished? Also, we would like to know about special circumstances or obstacles that you have overcome or are overcoming in your life that you have not already told us about. Answer these questions in an additional short essay of **400 words or less**. **Please label this essay "Short Essay"**.

4) SUPPORTING INFORMATION: ACTIVITIES / EMPLOYMENT / OTHER PURSUITS

We are interested in hearing how you spend most of your time. Please list the main ways you spend your time – jobs, school & community activities & organizations, sports, hobbies and projects, special family responsibilities, etc. *Explain in a few words what each activity is (don't write more than a sentence). You can use multiple lines and/or extra paper if you need to.*

Activity (name and/or brief description)	hours/week	Any offices, awards, honors, accomplishments, etc.
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5) SUPPORTING ACADEMIC INFORMATION

The primary criteria for this scholarship are innovation and creativity. But understanding what you are doing in school will help us get a more complete picture of you. So please enclose a **sealed, current transcript** from any high school or college you have attended in the last two years. (You can have the transcript(s) mailed in separately.)

Please tell us your scores on any tests you have taken:

PSAT: _____ / _____
Verbal Math

SAT: _____ / _____ / _____
Verbal Math Writing

ACT: _____ / _____
English Math

6) OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS

Have you received any other scholarships or grants? If so, give their names, amounts, and the schools to which they apply:

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7) FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Your financial need **does not affect** your chances of winning the Milton Fisher Scholarship. However, the amount of the Scholarship is determined on the basis of financial need. Income and tax figures should match your most recent tax forms. **Please include a photocopy of your parent(s)' IRS 1040(s).** (The questions below refer to parent(s)' financial information.) If you file a 1040 yourself, please submit a copy also. *You may include additional information about exceptional circumstances.*

State of Residence: CT Other: _____

Marital Status of Guardian (Married, Divorced, Separated, Widowed, or Single)	
Adjusted Gross Income:	Total U.S. Income Tax Paid:
Total Income of Father/Guardian:	Income of Mother/Guardian:
Untaxed Income and Benefits; Social Security; AFDC, ADC, Other:	Medical and Dental Expenses not paid by insurance:
Total Cash, Savings, Checking, and Stocks:	Total Number of Exemptions Claimed:
Total Number of immediate family members attending college at least half time during the next school year, including applicant (if applicant will be in college next year):	

8) ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Your answers to these questions **will not affect** either your chances of winning or the amount of your scholarship. We are collecting this information for statistical purposes. However, these questions are **not optional** – please answer them.

What is your race/ethnicity? _____

What is your gender? Female Male

Are you or your family recent immigrants to the U.S.?

First generation (applicant born outside U.S.)

Second generation (one or both parents born outside U.S.)

Third generation (1-4 grandparents born outside U.S.)

More than third generation (grandparents born in U.S.)

What is the highest level of education your parent(s) completed?

Parent 1: _____

Parent 2: _____

less than high school

less than high school

high school

high school

some college

some college

college degree

college degree

masters degree+

masters degree+

9) GIVING US MORE INFORMATION

If you believe we need more information to evaluate your application fully, please submit it. In particular, please consider sending us supporting/corroborating information such as pictures or other materials to help us understand the projects/activities you described in your main essay. Please send 8 copies of any additional materials.

10) CHECKLIST / YOUR APPLICATION IS COMPLETE WHEN IT INCLUDES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> This application form (<i>signed below</i>) | <input type="checkbox"/> Photocopy of any letters of Admission to college (<i>if applicable</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Main essay | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Recommendation #1 (<i>CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> if sent separately</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental short essay | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Recommendation #2 (<i>CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> if sent separately</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photocopy of IRS 1040 | <input type="checkbox"/> Current transcript(s) from school(s) (<i>CHECK <input type="checkbox"/> if sent separately</i>) |

11) LAST QUESTION

How did you hear about this scholarship? If on the internet, through which scholarship site?

12) CERTIFICATION

In submitting this application, I certify that all the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the falsification of information may result in termination of scholarship grants. I understand that all information will be considered confidential for review by the Foundation.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

MILTON FISHER SCHOLARSHIP

for **INNOVATION**
and **CREATIVITY**

Your complete application should be
postmarked by April 30, 2012. and sent to:

MILTON FISHER SCHOLARSHIP
c/o Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
70 Audubon Street, New Haven, CT 06510

PLEASE do NOT staple or paperclip
anything in your application.



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2012 Milton Fisher Scholarship
Letter of Recommendation Form

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Two letters of recommendation should be submitted with any application. If possible, at least one should be from a teacher, college counselor, advisor, or principal. It will greatly improve an applicant's chances if at least one letter comes from an adult who can describe the innovative or creative activities or project the applicant described in her/his application essay.

Dear Recommender --

An applicant for our scholarship has asked you to provide some supporting information. Thank you for taking the time to help us—we really appreciate your efforts. Please either answer the questions below, on the back of this form or on a separate sheet, or attach a letter addressing the same issues.

Thank you so much again, The Milton Fisher Scholarship Committee

This recommendation is for: _____
First Middle Last Jr. etc

Brief Description of the project undertaken by applicant that makes this student a good candidate for the Milton Fisher Scholarship for Innovation and Creativity:

RECOMMENDER QUESTIONS Please use the back of this page or a separate, attached sheet.

- 1) How do you know this applicant? How long have you known her/him?
- 2) This scholarship is not a traditional scholarship. Instead, our goal is to reward innovative and creative problem solving.
 We are looking for:
 - Students who have solved artistic, scientific, or technical problems in new or unusual ways; or
 - Students who have who have come up with distinctive solutions to problems faced by their schools, communities, or families
 - Students who have who have developed an innovative way to save the environment or improve people's health
- 3) Why, from your knowledge of this applicant, would he or she be a suitable candidate for this scholarship? What, if any, was your role in the development of this project? What is the potential or actual impact of this project? **Please Note: It would be useful to the committee if you could say something about the project or activities the applicant described in his or her application.**
- 4) What else can you tell us about this applicant that would be relevant to our assessment of her/his suitability for this scholarship?

RECOMMENDER INFORMATION

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Recommender's Name Title Phone Number

Address (Street, City, State, ZIP; Teachers & school personnel should use school address.)

Please write your phone number and other contact information for JULY/AUGUST. If we were to need to contact you regarding the applicant, we would expect to do that in July or August.

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Email Signature Date

HOW TO RETURN THIS FORM: TWO OPTIONS

- A) Mail this form and your letter directly to:
 Milton Fisher Scholarship, c/o Community Foundation for Greater New Haven,
 70 Audubon Street, New Haven, CT 06510, **postmarked by April 30, 2012** or
 - B) Seal this form and your letter in an envelope, sign the envelope along the flap, and return it to the applicant to submit with the application.
- PLEASE** do NOT staple or paperclip anything in the application.