**Middlesex Community College Foundation**

**The Shirley W. Thidemann Memorial Scholarship**

This award honors the memory of Shirley Thidemann and her contributions to the social services field. A 1977 graduate of Middlesex Community College with a degree in Mental Health Technology, she dedicated her life to the treatment of mental health and alcohol abuse, and encouraged others to do the same.

**Purpose**
To assist a student who is pursuing a degree related to mental health or the treatment of alcohol/substance abuse.

**Eligibility Criteria**
- The applicant must be pursuing a degree related to mental health or alcohol/substance abuse. Individuals who have chosen these goals based on personal or familial experiences are strongly urged to apply.
- The applicant must be an enrolled student taking a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester.
- The applicant must have a 3.0 overall grade point average or better.
- The applicant should demonstrate financial need.

**Amount**
Up to $500 for tuition and other eligible costs.

**Guidelines**
This scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis and will be disbursed at the outset of the spring semester. The MCC Foundation, working with the appropriate college committee, has exclusive responsibility for screening all applicants and selecting an appropriate recipient for this scholarship.

**To Apply**
Students applying for Middlesex Community College Foundation Scholarships are required to submit the completed online application at [www.middlesex.mass.edu/foundation/scholarships](http://www.middlesex.mass.edu/foundation/scholarships).

Although only one application is required, students are also responsible for reading the individual criteria for each scholarship and submitting under separate cover a single letter of recommendation.

**Required Letter of Recommendation**

**One Faculty Recommendation**
A single letter of recommendation must be submitted via one of the methods listed below:
- email, with Microsoft Word document or PDF attached, sent to Amy C. Lee, Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations at [leea@middlesex.mass.edu](mailto:leea@middlesex.mass.edu)
- U.S. postal, interoffice mail, or in person to:
  Amy C. Lee • Director of Annual Giving and Alumni Relations • Middlesex Community College
  Cataldo Administration Building #215 • 591 Springs Road • Bedford, MA 01730

**Questions?** Call Amy C. Lee at 781-280-3579 or email at [leea@middlesex.mass.edu](mailto:leea@middlesex.mass.edu)

* Students who anticipate a 3.0 grade point average or better at the end of the 2014 Fall Semester are encouraged to apply. GPAs will be verified after grades are posted.
** Scholarships are awarded for tuition, fees and other eligible costs. Applications from students who receive Financial Aid will also be vetted through the MCC Financial Aid Office.

You can get help writing your essays at the MCC Writing Centers
Bedford Academic Resources Building, Library Room 7A, 781-280-3727;
Lowell City Building, Room LC 406B, 978-656-3365

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The online application and faculty letter of recommendation must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, December 5, 2014 to be considered.