**Purpose**

In honor of long-time Laurel Historical Society Chairman, President, and Treasurer and pillar of the Laurel community, James "Jim" McCeney, the Laurel Historical Society is proud to offer the James “Jim” McCeney Scholarship to encourage members of Laurel's younger generations to pursue the study of history. Two McCeney Scholarships will be awarded in 2018 in the amount of $1,000 to graduating Laurel area high school students who have demonstrated sustained excellence and commitment in the discipline of social studies and who intend to continue to pursue those interests at college or university.

**Eligibility**

Applicants must:

1. Must live and/or attend a high school in one of the following ZIP codes: 20707, 20708, 20709, 20723, 20724, 20725, and 20726;
2. Possess a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and a cumulative GPA in Social Studies classes of 3.25;
3. Have taken part in some type of history activity outside of classes, such as Spartan Historical Society, Social Studies Honors Society, or volunteering for a history related organization;
4. Have taken at least one Social Studies elective in addition to all required Social Studies courses; and
5. Intend on attending an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the year immediately following high school graduation and majoring in history, museum studies, urban planning, preservation, or other related fields.

**Guidelines**

Applicants for the James “Jim” McCeney Scholarship must submit the following:

1. A completed application form
2. A 250-500-word essay responding to the question: “In what way has your interest in Social Studies affected your understanding of the world in which you live?”
3. A copy of their high school transcript (unofficial is acceptable)

**Deadlines**

The completed application form and essay must be submitted to the Laurel Museum (817 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20707) or to [info@laurelhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@laurelhistoricalsociety.org) by June 29, 2018. Documents submitted electronically must be in the .docx or .pdf format.

**Process and Notification**

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of the Laurel Historical Society including the Executive Director, members of the Board of Directors, and representatives of Laurel area high schools.

The McCeney Scholarship recipients will be notified by email no later than July 30, 2018, and must confirm their acceptance. Following the recipients’ confirmations, all other applicants will be notified by email.

**Conditions**

The recipients of the McCeney Scholarship will receive a one-time disbursement of $1,000. Recipients are encouraged to use the award to support their academic experience in whatever way they see fit.

Additionally, the McCeney Scholarship recipients are warmly invited and encouraged to attend a Laurel Historical Society meeting prior to their first semester of study to discuss their academic interests and to be recognized and celebrated by the LHS membership and board.

James “Jim” McCeney Scholarship Application Form

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

City, Zip: Click or tap here to enter text.

Check if you are currently attending a High School or living in a Laurel ZIP Code (20707, 20708, 20709, 20723, 20724, 20725, 20726)

Which high school do you currently attend? Click or tap here to enter text.

Cumulative High School GPA: Click or tap here to enter text.

Cumulative social studies GPA: Click or tap here to enter text.

List all social studies classes you’ve taken in high school: Click or tap here to enter text.

List any history activities you’ve participated in outside of class: Click or tap here to enter text.

Check below to confirm you meet the following scholarship criteria:

* I have taken at least one additional social studies elective above what was required;
* I have taken part in some type of history-related activity outside of class, such as a history club, Social Studies Honors Society, or volunteering at a history-related organization; and
* I intend on attending an accredited two-year or four-year college or university next year and majoring in history, museum studies, urban planning, preservation, or another related field.

Check to confirm you meet these criteria:

Please provide the name, email, and phone number of a social studies teacher who can provide a reference on your behalf: Click or tap here to enter text.