GLORIA MATTERA NATIONAL MIGRANT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Purpose: To assist financially those migrant farmworker youth who have the potential and desire to further their education to achieve their personal and career goals.

Awards: Grant amounts are determined by the Screening Committee on the basis of background in migrant farm work, financial need, and potential of the youth. The Fund grants approximately 100 awards annually in the amount of up to $250.

Eligibility: • Recent history of movement for agricultural employment - priority will be given to currently interstate migrant youth  
• Scholastic potential  
• Financial need  
• Enrolled in or accepted at an accredited public or private college, technical or vocational school, or a dropout or a potential dropout from high school who shows promise of ability to continue schooling

Application Process: A completed application form must be accompanied by:

• a letter of recommendation from a school, community or educational agency representative with a personal knowledge of the applicant's character, educational commitment, and financial need;  
• applicant’s personal essay telling about his/her background, career and personal goals, and indicating why he/she should receive this assistance;  
• proof that the student has been admitted to the school chosen;  
• a copy of the applicant’s current or most recent Migrant Education Program Certificate of Eligibility (COE).

The application deadline is April 1st of each year and must be postmarked by that date.

Submit application along with all supporting documents to:

Gloria Mattera National Migrant Scholarship Fund  
Geneseo Migrant Center  
3 Mt. Morris - Leicester Road  
Leicester, NY 14481

Additional application forms and further information can be obtained at the Geneseo Migrant Center website:  
www.migrant.net
This form must be accompanied by at least one reference letter, a personal essay, proof of acceptance to a post-secondary school, and a copy of a current or most recent Migrant Education Program Certificate of Eligibility (COE) as specified on the cover page of this application.

APPLICANT

________________________________________________________ (_____)________________________ (_____)________________________
Last Name First Name Middle Initial Home Phone

________________________________________________________ (_____)________________________
E-mail Address Cell Phone

Mailing Address City State Zip

Home Address (if different from mailing address)

________________________________________________________
Name of parent(s) or legal guardian

________________________________________________________
Parent/guardian occupation(s)

________________________________________________________
Applicant’s date of birth: Place of birth
month/day/year

________________________________________________________
Personal goal/career choice

MIGRANT STATUS

________________________________________________________
Date (month and year) of most recent move for agricultural
employment by applicant or applicant’s family

________________________________________________________
Number of years (or months) working in agriculture
by applicant or applicant’s family

________________________________________________________
Last type of agricultural work done

________________________________________________________
Names of towns and states in which the family or applicant worked in agriculture in the last twelve months

________________________________________________________
Name and address of school(s) attended in those states, if any

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

________________________________________________________ (_____)________________________
Name of school presently attending Telephone

________________________________________________________
School address Anticipated date of graduation

________________________________________________________ (_____)________________________
Name of secondary or post-secondary program to which applicant
has been accepted (if different from school listed above)

NOTE: you will need to attach proof of acceptance for this school

________________________________________________________
School address Anticipated date of graduation

FAMILY INCOME - In which bracket does your family income fall?

_________ 0-$10,000 _________ $10,001 - 15,000 _________ $15,001 - 20,000 _________ $20,001 - 25,000

_________ $25,001 - 30,000 _________ $30,001 - 35,000 _________ $35,001 +

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REFERENCE LETTERS
At least one letter from an adult must be included with your application. The reference letter may not be written by the applicant, anyone under 21 years of age, or anyone related to the applicant or serving as legal guardian. Please have the reference write a letter addressing the student’s character, educational commitment, achievements, grades, etc., and supporting the need for financial assistance.

___________________________________________________ ____________________(_______)________________
Last Name    First Name Title (Mr/Ms/Mrs/Dr) Daytime Phone

___________________________________________________ ___________________________________________________ ____
Address     City   State   Zip

___________________________________________________ _____________________________(_______)_____________ _____
Association with applicant (examples - teacher, counselor, minister, employer, etc.)  Evening Phone

The information on this form and contained in the application package is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as evidenced by the following signature.

___________________________________________________ ____________________________
Applicant’s Signature        Date

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

☐ Migrant Education Certificate of Eligibility (COE)  ☐ Reference Letter  ☐ Personal Essay

☐ Proof of Acceptance  ☐ Completed and Signed Application Form
The Gloria Mattera National Migrant Scholarship Fund was founded in 1974 to honor Joseph Mattera, the father of the founder of the Geneseo Migrant Center. The name was changed to include Gloria Mattera upon her death in 1988.

Dr. Gloria Mattera, founder of the Geneseo Migrant Center, was born in Rochester, NY on April 16, 1930. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Brockport and her doctorate in education from the Pennsylvania State University. As a member of the SUNY Geneseo Education Department faculty, Dr. Mattera developed and led a summer program for teachers of the children of migrant farmworkers. She recognized the need for services for migrant children, and in 1968 founded the Center. It soon expanded to include day care programs for infants and preschoolers, and adult education and recreation, as these needs became apparent.

Recognized for her work on behalf of farmworkers at the local, state, and national levels by her peers, the leading providers of migrant education and other services, Dr. Mattera received numerous awards throughout her career. MEMO, a periodic publication for the national Migrant Education Program, featured her in its April 1987 issue as a "Founding Mother" of migrant education. She was known to farmworkers all along the East coast as "Doc Mattera." The Center she founded continues today to provide programs guided by her philosophy of respect and support for the workers.

"Let migrant farmworkers live and work with the dignity befitting the importance of their task"
Gloria Mattera

The Gloria Mattera National Migrant Scholarship Fund is made available through private donation and fundraising efforts. Donations to the Fund are tax deductible.

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