



GLORIA AND JOSEPH MATTERA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN

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 farmwork, financial need and potential of the youth. The Fund grants approximately 100 awards annually ranging from \$150 to \$500.

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)

There is no deadline for applications which are reviewed on a case by case basis. Students may reapply annually but are limited to one award per 12 month period.



Submit application along with all supporting documents to:

**Gloria and Joseph Mattera National Scholarship Fund
Geneseo Migrant Center
3 Mt. Morris - Leicester Road
Leicester, NY 14481
(800) 245-5681**



Additional application forms and further information can be obtained at the Geneseo Migrant Center web site:
www.migrant.net

The Gloria and Joseph Mattera National Scholarship Fund for Migrant Children 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 and Joseph Mattera National Scholarship is made available through private donations and fund-raising efforts. Donations to the Fund are tax-deductible.

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