



## HEAD START SCHOLARSHIP 2026

### \$500 MOCA HOPE Head Start Scholarship

Students applying for the Head Start Scholarship must meet the following criteria to complete an application:

- ✓ Live in one of the following counties: Camden, Crawford, Laclede, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Phelps, or Pulaski County
- ✓ Be a current year high school graduating Senior
- ✓ Have been enrolled in and attended a Head Start pre-school program

Please follow the instructions below, checking off each item as it is completed. All of the information listed below must be submitted with your scholarship application.

### **Submissions must be received or postmarked by April 3, 2026.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. **Complete the application form entirely. Incomplete information will disqualify the application.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Attach three (3) written references from individuals who are familiar with your accomplishments, habits, and attitudes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Attach a copy of your high school transcript.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Attach a statement or document(s) to verify your enrollment in a Head Start program (certificate, yearbook photo, letter from Head Start teacher, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Attach a signed essay telling us about yourself, your plans for the future, your educational goals, etc., in 200 words or less.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Have someone review your application packet for completion.

**Submit all information to: MOCA, Inc.  
MOCA HOPE Head Start Scholarship  
PO Box 69  
Richland, MO 65556**

**Or email to [jpatton@mocacaa.org](mailto:jpatton@mocacaa.org)**

For further inquiries, you may call 1-800-876-3264

