



# **Undergraduate & Graduate Scholarship Program**

2015-2016 Annual Report

# Scholarship Selection Committee

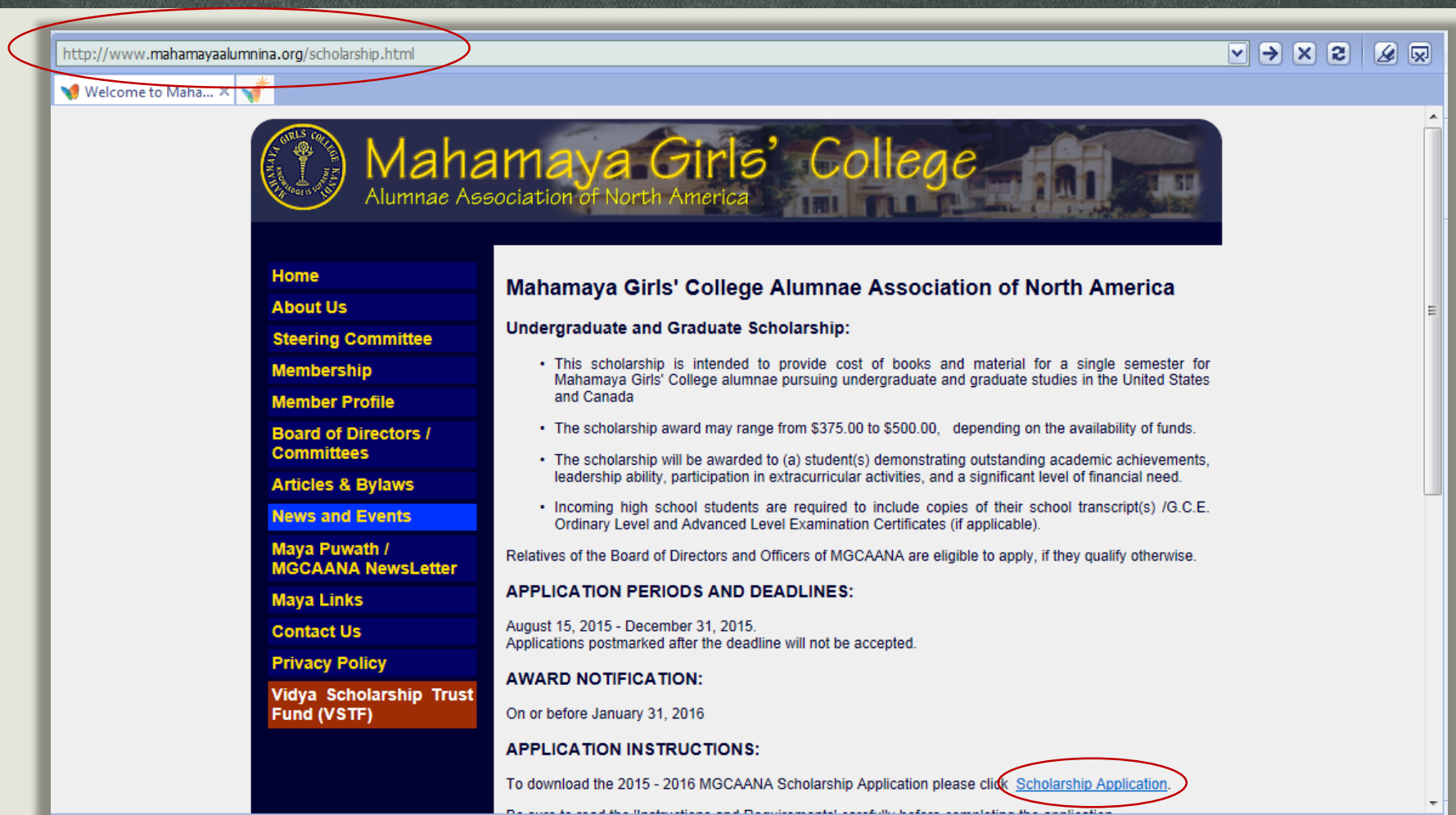
- Dr. Dharshani Nanayakkara, *Chair*
- Mrs. Inoka Amarakoon

We strongly encourage members to join the committee so that we can reach out to more alumnae and improve this long-standing project of MGCAANA

# Program Details

- **Purpose:** To provide cost of books and material for Mahamaya Girls' College alumnae pursuing undergraduate or graduate studies in the US and Canada
- **Application process:** Each candidate is required to complete the MGCAANA Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship Application that is available on paper and online
- **Application deadline:** Usually December
- **Selection process:**
  - All applications are carefully reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee and names and details of the finalists are presented to the MGCAANA BOD and Executive Committee for approval
  - Scholarships are awarded to students demonstrating outstanding academic achievements, leadership ability, participation in extracurricular activities, and a significant level of financial need


# Program Web Page



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing the URL <http://www.mahamayaalumna.org/scholarship.html>, which is circled in red. The browser's title bar reads "Welcome to Maha...". The website header features the Mahamaya Girls' College logo on the left and the text "Mahamaya Girls' College Alumnae Association of North America" in yellow on a dark blue background. A vertical navigation menu on the left lists various site sections, with "Vidya Scholarship Trust Fund (VSTF)" highlighted in orange. The main content area is titled "Mahamaya Girls' College Alumnae Association of North America" and contains information about an "Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship". It lists four bullet points detailing the scholarship's purpose, award range, eligibility criteria, and application requirements. Below this, it states that relatives of the Board of Directors and Officers of MGCAANA are eligible to apply. The "APPLICATION PERIODS AND DEADLINES:" section specifies the period from August 15, 2015, to December 31, 2015, and notes that late applications will not be accepted. The "AWARD NOTIFICATION:" section states that awards will be made on or before January 31, 2016. The "APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:" section directs users to click on the "Scholarship Application" link, which is circled in red. The bottom of the page contains a partially visible line of text: "Be sure to read the Instructions and Requirements carefully before completing the application."

<http://www.mahamayaalumna.org/scholarship.html>

Welcome to Maha...

 **Mahamaya Girls' College**  
Alumnae Association of North America

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**Vidya Scholarship Trust Fund (VSTF)**

**Mahamaya Girls' College Alumnae Association of North America**

**Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship:**

- This scholarship is intended to provide cost of books and material for a single semester for Mahamaya Girls' College alumnae pursuing undergraduate and graduate studies in the United States and Canada
- The scholarship award may range from \$375.00 to \$500.00, depending on the availability of funds.
- The scholarship will be awarded to (a) student(s) demonstrating outstanding academic achievements, leadership ability, participation in extracurricular activities, and a significant level of financial need.
- Incoming high school students are required to include copies of their school transcript(s) /G.C.E. Ordinary Level and Advanced Level Examination Certificates (if applicable).

Relatives of the Board of Directors and Officers of MGCAANA are eligible to apply, if they qualify otherwise.

**APPLICATION PERIODS AND DEADLINES:**

August 15, 2015 - December 31, 2015.  
Applications postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted.

**AWARD NOTIFICATION:**

On or before January 31, 2016

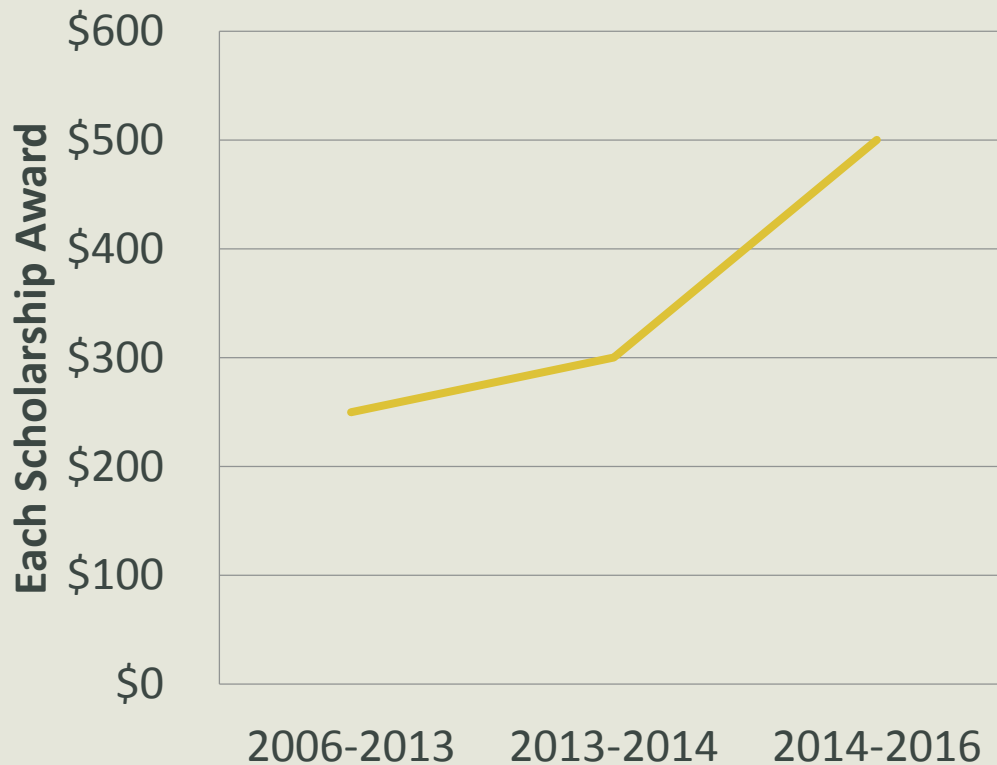
**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

To download the 2015 - 2016 MGCAANA Scholarship Application please click [Scholarship Application](#).

Be sure to read the Instructions and Requirements carefully before completing the application.



# Program Developments



- Thanks to an anonymous donation from a MGCAANA member, the scholarship award amount was increased in 2014
- One of the scholarships is awarded in memory of **Mrs. N. K. Pilapitiya**

# We Need Your Help

- To recruit MGCAANA members to join the Scholarship Selection Committee
- To spread the word about this scholarship program amongst Mahamaya alumnae studying in the US and Canada and to encourage them to apply
- To distribute program information to international student offices at colleges and universities in the US and Canada
- To inform graduating students at Mahamaya Girls' College about this opportunity
- To support fundraising events organized by MGCAANA so that we can continue to increase the award amount

# MGCAANA Scholars

2006-2007:	<b>Menaka Samarasinghe</b> , <i>Business Information Systems, Utah State University</i> <b>Pubudini Kumari Mapa</b> , <i>Biology, University of Illinois, Chicago</i>
2007-2008:	<b>Pamuditha Mahadiulwewa</b> , <i>Accounting, California State University, Fresno</i> <b>Upeksha Thilakawardana</b> , <i>Nursing, Northern Virginia Community College</i>
2008-2009:	<b>Vihara Dharmaratne</b> , <i>International Studies, University of Mississippi</i> <b>Shakya Premachandra</b> , <i>Astrophysics, University of Missouri in Saint Louis</i>
2009-2010:	<b>Pawani Jayaratna</b> , <i>Secondary Education, University of Mississippi</i>
2010-2011:	<b>Samanthi Abeyrathne</b> , <i>Chemistry, Georgia College and State University</i> <b>Lahiru Narangamma</b> , <i>Physics, University of Connecticut</i>
2011-2012:	<b>Dilukshi Fernando</b> , <i>Plant Development Genetics, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg</i>
2012-2013:	<b>Taniya Pathirana</b> , <i>Chemistry, University of Texas at Dallas</i> <b>Lakmini Widanapathirana</b> , <i>Organic Chemistry, Iowa State University</i>
2013-2014:	<b>Iresha Premarathna</b> , <i>Statistics, Texas Tech University</i>
2014-2015:	None
2015-2016:	<b>Dilshani Ranasinghe</b> , <i>Strategic Finance, University of New Albany</i> <b>Nadeesri Wijekoon</b> , <i>Statistics, University of Maryland, Baltimore County</i>

A dark grey background featuring a collage of white, hand-drawn educational icons. These include a globe, a stack of books, a percentage sign, a microscope, a test tube, a graduation cap, and various geometric shapes and symbols.

# **Thank you!**

## Questions? Comments?

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