



Application for Non-Traditional Students

Thank you for your interest in the MRDC Scholarship. The scholarship was established by MRDC, a subsidiary of Council for Affordable and Rural Housing (CARH) to promote education and expand opportunities for residents of affordable housing in rural America.

Michigan Rural Development Council will award of two onetime awards of **\$2,000** per student for educational expenses.

Non-Traditional Student Applicant Qualifications:

- Be a high school graduate or equivalent and have been out of high school for five years or more;
- Be accepted at or enrolled as a student at an accredited 2- or 4-year College, University or an accredited Vocational Educational School;
- Full or part-time status required. Minimum of 6 credit hours required to be considered part-time;
- Currently reside in a MRDC-member property;
- Be a United States citizen;
- Demonstrate a substantial work history that reflects the likelihood of academic achievement; and
- Demonstrate financial need.

Scholarship Recipients Expectations:

If you are selected as one of the two scholarship winners, MRDC will provide you with a one- time check made payable to you and your institution for \$1,000 to assist in paying for expenses related to your enrollment at the accredited school. Pursuant to the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code §117(b), the funds you receive from the Scholarship Program must be used:

- to pay tuition and fees required for enrollment at an educational institution; or
- to pay for fees, books, supplies and equipment required for courses of instruction at such educational institution.

In addition, you will be required to agree:

- That any funds not expended or committed for the purposes of the scholarship set forth above will be returned to MRDC
- To provide a copy of proof of tuition payment at a college or university for the term for which the scholarship is awarded;

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Completed applications only will be considered if received by MRDC on or before the deadline of September 16.

Please be sure to:

1. Submit only completed application.
2. Clearly label all application attachments with applicant name and information and submit electronically with the application.
3. Send all supporting documents, including academic transcripts and letters of recommendations, to the MRDC.
4. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION IS PREFERRED. Please submit all application materials via email to kmccarthy@mirdc.org. Official test scores, transcripts, and letters of recommendations may be mailed to the Michigan Rural Development Council office.

SUBMISSION ADDRESS:

E-mail: kmccarthy@mirdc.org

Mailing Address: MRDC
1784 Hamilton Rd
Okemos, MI 48864

We invite Recipients, two family members, and the winning Property Manager to the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort for an awards lunch the day of our Owner & Developer's Annual Meeting where Recipients will be presented.

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The information below must be fully completed in order for your application to be considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Please ensure that you either e-mail or mail all appropriate documentation to the Scholarship Foundation in order for it to be received by the application deadline date, **September 16.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment or Unit Number

City State Zip Code

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
MM DD YEAR

Social Security #: _____

MRDC MEMBER HOUSING INFORMATION

Name of MRDC Member Property: _____ Length of Time in MRDC-Member Housing: _____

Property Manager's Name and Phone Number: _____

Name of MRDC-Member Management Company/Owner/Developer: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Type a two-page personal statement/essay with the following subject:

“Describe your own unique, personal life experiences that have led you to believe that affordable housing should be a vital component of communities throughout the state.”

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MOST RECENT SCHOOL & TEST INFORMATION

High School
Or College:

Name

City

State

GED or
Graduation Date: _____

Type of
Diploma/Degree: _____

GPA*: High School = _____

**Send your official transcripts to MRDC*

College = _____

*If currently enrolled in college, write both your high school and college GPA scores in the space provided and forward official transcripts for both. In the space provided, please indicate your GPA scale. Examples: 4.0 scale: 4=A, 3=B, 2=C
100 scale: 100=A, 90=B, 80=C
5.0 scale: 5=highest proficiency, 3=proficient*

ACT and/or SAT*: _____

**Send your official scores to MRDC
You may send one or both scores. If you have not yet taken either test, please write the date when you will take the test and have the scores forwarded as soon as possible.*

WORK HISTORY

For those applicants who have been out of school for five years or more, substantial work history reflecting a likelihood of academic success will be considered in lieu of GPA or standardized test scores.

Provide information on the last 8 years of your work history. If necessary, include additional sheets using the format shown below.

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Dates Worked	Name and Address of Company	Position held	Duties	Supervisor's Name & phone number

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEERISM

List all Extracurricular Activities/Volunteerism in which you have participated in the past three years. List all leadership positions and offices held. Check years during which you participated. If necessary, include additional sheets, using the format shown below.

Activity	2019	2020	2021	Leadership positions/offices Held	2019	2020	2021

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AWARDS, HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

List all Awards, Honors and Recognitions which you have received in the past three years. If necessary, include additional sheets, using the format shown below.

Name of Award/Honor/ Recognition	Description of Award/Honor/ Recognition	Dates Received

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Two or more letters of recommendation should be submitted with application. At least one should be professional (e.g., employer, school official, etc.) and at least one personal (e.g., coach, pastor, etc.). The number and quality of recommendations are one of the determining factors for scholarship selection. Below, list the names of the recommenders. If necessary, include additional sheets using the format below:

1. _____

Name
Title
Relationship

2. _____

Name
Title
Relationship

3. _____

Name
Title
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COLLEGE GOALS

Please list all colleges/universities/trade schools to which you have applied. Which one do you plan to attend? What do you plan to study? Include copy of acceptance letter and/or proof of enrollment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attach a statement/letter of financial need.
This statement may be used as one of the determining factors for scholarship selection

SIGNATURE*

I hereby certify that all information and supporting documentation are true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any knowingly false information may disqualify me from consideration for any MRDC scholarship or be grounds for an offered scholarship to be rescinded.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

***ELECTRONIC TRANSMITTAL:** *Electronic transmittal of application and supporting documentation to Michigan Rural Development Council is certification that all information and supporting documentation are true to the best of your knowledge. In addition, transmittal provides your agreement that any knowingly false information may disqualify you from consideration for a MRDC scholarship or be grounds for an offered scholarship to be rescinded. Actual electronic transmittal will be used as an electronic signature and date.*

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MRDC Application Checklist

The following items are needed in order to be considered a complete Application. Please verify you have the following:

- Application Form
- Two-page Personal Statement
- Transcript
- ACT/SAT Score
- Copy of acceptance letter and/or proof of enrollment.
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of Financial Need

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