



## Application for 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 two one-time scholarships of **\$2,000** per student for educational expenses.

### **Traditional Student Applicants Must:**

- Be a candidate for high school graduation or in the past five years earned a high school diploma or equivalent;
- Be accepted at or enrolled 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 scholastic 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 you 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

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- To provide a copy of proof of tuition payment at a college or university for the term for which the scholarship is awarded;

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 in October 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 using 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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CURRENT SCHOOL & TEST INFORMATION

High School Or College: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

City State

GED or Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Diploma/Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

GPA\*: High School = \_\_\_\_\_  
College = \_\_\_\_\_

\*Send your official transcripts to MRDC  
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.

COLLEGE GOALS

Please list all colleges/universities/vocational 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.

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**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/VOLUNTEERISM**

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

Activity	2018	2019	2020	Leadership positions/offices Held	2018	2019	2020

**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

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**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 Relationship*

**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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