

West Michigan Scholarships

Grand Rapids Community Foundation

Grand Rapids Community Foundation has an online application in which a student can apply for more than 70 scholarship funds that are available with one application. Other scholarships are available with specific applications.

Applications are available: January 1

Application Deadline: April 1

GR Community Foundation Website: <http://www.grfoundation.org/scholarshipselection>

West Michigan MENSA Education & Research Foundation

20 scholarship funds may be applied for through one essay applications. The Foundation's college scholarship program bases its awards totally on essays written by the applicants. Consideration is not given to grades, academic program or financial need. U.S. applicants need not be Mensa members.

Applications available: September 15

Application Deadline: January 15

MENSA Website: <http://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>

Hutt Scholarship - Lake Michigan Credit Union

Students who are members of Lake Michigan Credit Union or dependent children of Lake Michigan Credit Union members are eligible for the program. All applicants must be high school seniors and plan to enter a trade school, college or university in the next academic year. Eight \$2,000.00 Scholarships will be awarded.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2014

LMCU Scholarship website: <https://www.lmcu.org/about/hutt/>

Rotary Club Ambassadorial Scholarships

The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, the Ambassadorial Scholarship fund was founded in 1947. Since then, nearly 38,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today, it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. Its purpose is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas.

The program sponsors several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country.

GR Rotary Website: http://www.grrotary.org/Youth/ambassadorial_scholarships

Michigan 4-H Scholarships

Michigan State University 4-H Scholarship

Who can apply: 4-H members who are high school seniors must apply to MSU and submit the MSU 4-H Scholarship Application by November 1 of their senior year. Applicants must meet the standard admissions requirements of the university and be accepted to MSU.

Award amount: \$2,500 annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. Six scholarships are given annually. Preference to participation in 4-H precollege programs and other state events is given.

Michigan State University Pre-College Program Scholarship

Who can apply: Students in 8th, 9th or 10th grade following their MSU pre-college program involvement (such as 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, 4-H Discovery Camp, or 4-H Capitol Experience). Students will be invited to apply by their county MSU Extension 4-H staff for Exploration Days or the pre-college program director for GLNR Camp, Discovery Camp and Capitol Experience.

Award amount: \$2,000 applied toward the student's first year at MSU as a degree-seeking student. Scholarship recipients are not guaranteed admission to MSU and must meet admission requirements upon submitting the MSU application as an incoming undergraduate.

Michigan Rabbit/Cavy 4-H Scholarship

Who can apply: Those who will be college freshmen in Fall 2013. Students must have been enrolled in a 4-H rabbit or cavy project for at least three years and have financial need.

Award amount: Varies, two to four given annually.

MI 4-H Scholarships website: http://4h.msue.msu.edu/awards_scholarships/4-h_scholarships

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Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund

The Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund has been awarding scholarships annually to outstanding youth who exhibit at the Michigan State Fair, Michigan livestock Expo and Michigan Dairy Expo. The fund is also responsible for supporting educational awards provided to youth livestock and dairy exhibitors each year.

Application Deadline: May 31 annually

Website: http://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-1571_40997---,00.html

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Michigan Junior Livestock Association

The applicant must have graduated high school and be continuing their education at an accredited institution of higher education in the year in which they are applying. The applicant must be a Michigan resident and a youth livestock exhibitor for a minimum of three years. Applications will be judged on livestock participation/involvement, leadership and citizenship.

Application Deadline: November annually

MJLA Website: www.mijrlivestocksociety.com

Michigan Pork Producers Scholarship

There is one scholarship available for students pursuing a four year degree at any university and another scholarship for students who are in or planning to be in the swine tech program at Michigan State University. Please read the eligibility requirements on the application and acquire the application on the Michigan Pork Producers website. Interviews and presentations will be conducted on at the annual Green and White Hog Show.

Application deadline: **January 17, 2014**

MI Pork Producers Website: http://www.mipork.org/Youth/1191/MichiganPLI.aspx#_UrxF0PuzJyX

Foster Care to Success Scholarship

Applications available: January 1

Foster Care to Success Website: <http://www.fc2success.org/>

National Scholarships

4-H Beekeeping Scholarship

Cash Prizes to 3 Top Winners: •1st Place -- \$750.00 •2nd Place -- \$500.00 •3rd Place -- \$250.00
Participants must be 4-H members. Entries should be mailed to the MSU Extension office by the deadline.

Entry Deadline: February 15, 2014

Beekeeping Essay website: <http://honeybeepreservation.org/category/essay-contest/>

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program

This program acknowledges and rewards America's foremost young leaders who demonstrate the leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship exhibited by President Reagan throughout his life. Like President Reagan, candidates use the formative experiences of their youth to lead, serve, and pursue a life of purpose and significance, both individually and for their communities. Each year, roughly 20 Scholars will receive a \$10,000 scholarship renewable for an additional three years – up to \$40,000 total

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per recipient.

Applications Available: October - January or until 25,000 applications are submitted

GE-Reagan Scholarship Website: <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/ge-reagan/?gclid=CN389srnpbsCFa4-Mgodu1AAFQ>

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program selects 1,000 talented students each year to receive a good-through-graduation scholarship to use at any college or university of their choice.

Entry deadline: January 15, 2014

Gates Millennium Scholars Website: <http://www.gmsp.org/publicweb/aboutus.aspx>

“Stuck at Prom” Contest

Teams of two must attend a school-sanctioned prom held in the spring, wearing complete attire and/or accessories made from duct tape ("Duct Tape Prom Attire"). The attire must be an original work created by the couple. 13 awards are available – top prize is \$5,000 for each member of the couple and \$5,000 for their school. The contest is open to youth 14 years of age or older at the time of entry who are attending a high school prom in the spring.

Contest participants must enter as a pair.

Entry Deadline: May 23, 2014

Website: <http://www.duckbrand.com/index.php/promotions/stuck-at-prom>

Additional Scholarship Resources:

Scholarship America – Over 20 scholarships for youth listed on website:

http://scholarshipamerica.org/open_scholarships.php

Student Scholarships – Scholarship database for students

www.studentscholarships.org/

Fed Money - free full-text online resource on all U.S. government grants and student financial aid programs. Site contains detailed and up-to-date information about who can apply how to apply + contact info for over 240 government loans and grants (scholarships, fellowships, traineeships) related to education!

<http://fedmoney.org/>

FAQ

How is financial need determined in most situations?

Students/families seeking financial assistance should begin the process by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Through detailed information provided on the application, a Student Aid Report (SAR) is issued. Many organizations will use this document for determining your eligibility based on your financial need.

FAFSA Website: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>