



Rural Caucus

Michigan Democratic Party

The MDP Rural Caucus Announces

The 2026 Michigan Democratic Party Rural Caucus

Rural Michigan Scholarship

Under this program, one or more \$1,000 Scholarships will be awarded to qualifying seniors from any public high school in a rural area within the State of Michigan.

1. Must be a U.S. citizen or on the pathway to citizenship and a resident of a rural community defined by the U.S. Census Bureau as not being an “urbanized area”, 50,000 or more residents.
2. Must currently live in Michigan, attend a Michigan public High School and must use the award to pay for tuition to attend a Michigan University, College, Junior College, Vocational, Trade, or Technical School in an undergraduate program beginning in the fall of 2026.
3. Must have a GPA of 2.0 in high school credits or better in college credits.
4. Applicants must answer all questions on the application.
5. An educator or advisor from the high school they are attending must write a letter of recommendation on official school letterhead.
6. Have an official high school transcript plus their current college credit hours transcript emailed by the high school directly to miruralcaucus.com. If the official transcript is not available by the deadline, the school can provide an unofficial transcript and send the official copy as soon as it is available. Please do not include materials other than those requested (for example, cover letters, resumes, additional recommendation letters, etc.).
7. A Zoom interview may be part of the scholarship process.
8. Applications must be received no later than midnight **April 17, 2026**.

Additional Requirements and Information

1. The scholarship recipient and all applicants will be notified when the award decision has been made.
2. A check in the amount of the scholarship award will be forwarded to the appropriate educational institution upon submission of a completed registration form by the scholarship recipient.
3. The scholarship recipient will be given a 1-year honorary membership to the Michigan Democratic Party Rural Caucus.
4. The scholarship recipient will be expected to attend a Zoom meeting of the Michigan Democratic Party Rural Caucus Executive Committee during the undergraduate semester to report on their progress.
5. Any application that is incomplete will not be considered
6. When you email your submission, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions of the MDP Rural Caucus Rural Michigan Scholarship.

If you have any questions, please contact the Michigan Democratic Party Rural Caucus by email at: miruralcaucus@gmail.com

Terms and Conditions

I affirm I meet all scholarship requirements and to the best of my knowledge the information on this application is accurate. I understand that applying for a scholarship does not guarantee I will receive an award. I understand that if I accept a scholarship, I must abide by the policies and procedures governing the award, including enrollment requirements. I understand that scholarship awards may affect other financial aid awards. I authorize my University, College, Junior College, Vocational, Trade, or Technical School to review my academic and financial aid files for the purpose of determining scholarship eligibility. I authorize my University, College, Junior College, Vocational, Trade, or Technical School to release information from this application or my academic record to the Selection Committee. I authorize my University, College, Junior College, Vocational, Trade, or Technical School and the Michigan Democratic Party Rural Caucus to release information regarding myself and likeness to the media and in marketing materials if a scholarship is granted.

ABOUT US

The Michigan Democratic Party Rural Caucus is a statewide rural political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major progressive public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



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RURAL MICHIGAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application To Be Filled Out By Student:

LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:
MAILING ADDRESS:	
STREET	
CITY	MICHIGAN
ZIP CODE	
PHONE NUMBER:	
HIGH SCHOOL YOU WILL GRADUATE FROM:	
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE:	
SCHOOL YOU WILL ATTEND IN FALL 2026:	
MAJOR/PROGRAM OF STUDY:	
LIST YOUR HOBBIES, OUTSIDE INTERESTS, EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL RELATED VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:	

LIST YOUR NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY:

ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER, WRITE A NO MORE THAN 500 WORD ESSAY ON “THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTIVISM.”

INCLUDE ONE LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM AN EDUCATOR OR AN ADVISOR.

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO: miruralcaucus@gmail.com

OR

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

MDP RURAL CAUCUS
P.O. Box 225
Manistee, Michigan 49660

REMINDER:

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NOTE:

Monetary award will be presented upon completion of the registration form by the award recipient.

DISCLAIMER: Your photograph and excerpts of your essay may be used in related press releases by the Michigan Democratic Party Rural Caucus.