

Ronald McDonald House Charities® U.S. Scholarship Program 2008-09 APPLICATION

MAKING A LONG STANDING COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 16, 2009

BACKGROUND

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ELIGIBILITY

Currently enrolled high school seniors who have at least one parent of African American or Black Caribbean heritage and who are eligible to attend a two- or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school with a complete course of study. Applicants must be legal U.S. residents, be less than 21 years of age and reside within the geographic boundaries of a participating Chapter that offers a scholarship under the Future Achievers Scholarship program. Applicants may apply for **only 1 RMHC scholarship program**. Please refer to **RMHC.org** to confirm which scholarship programs are offered in your county.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Eligible students must submit a complete application and attach all of the required documentation or their application will not be reviewed.
- Applications must be postmarked no later than **February 16, 2009**.

SCHOLARSHIP TERMS & CONDITIONS

Most local Chapters award a minimum of \$1,000, although amounts may vary in some Program areas. Applicants should contact their corresponding local Chapter for detailed information. Contact information is available at **www.rmhc.org**.

Scholarship recipients must enroll in and attend a two- or four-year accredited college or university or vocational/technical school in the academic year following their selection. Verification of enrollment is required. Scholarship funds will be paid via check directly to the accredited institution in which the student enrolls. Scholarship funds will not be paid directly, nor reimbursed, to an award recipient.

Scholarship funds will be applied toward tuition, fees and other appropriate educational expenses, as determined by RMHC.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Transcript, Personal Statement, Letter of Recommendation, Parent/Guardian IRS Form 1040 REQUIRED

- A certified high school **transcript** that contains the student's class rank and test scores must be submitted with the attached application.
- Applicants must submit a **personal statement** that provides information about their African American or Black Caribbean background, community involvement, career goals and desire to contribute to their community. Information about unique, personal or financial circumstances may be added. Personal statements must not be more than two pages in length.
- A one-page **letter of recommendation** from one of applicant's teachers or a school official is required. The letter should detail the applicant's background, achievements, leadership abilities and community involvement. Letters should contain personalized information about the applicant. Form letters will be given minimum consideration.
- Applicants must submit a current (2007 or 2008) copy of the IRS **Form 1040** filed by his or her parent(s) or guardian(s) used to document total income.

CERTIFICATION & RELEASE

All applicants and, where appropriate, their parent or guardian, must sign the attached application, certifying that all information provided is true and complete to the best of their knowledge. Upon submission of the completed application, applicants grant RMHC and McDonald's the right to use any information contained in the application for the purpose of promoting and publicizing the Program, or as legally required or permitted by law.

SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

All complete applications must be postmarked by **February 16, 2009**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be sent to:

**RMHC U.S. Scholarship Program
International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 22376
Nashville, TN 37202**

NOTE: *To ensure timely delivery, applications should be sent via certified mail or with return receipt.*

STEP 2

MAIL the application by
February 16, 2009 to:

RMHC U.S. Scholarship Program
International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 22376, Nashville, TN 37202



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APPLICANT GENERAL INFORMATION (Please print or type)

First MI Last

Permanent Mailing Address _____
No. Street or RFD Apt. #

City State ZIP Date of Birth

E-Mail Address

Home Phone Number Alternate Phone Number

Ethnicity/Nationality (optional) Male Female

Are You a Legal U.S. Resident? Yes No

How did you hear about the RMHC scholarship programs?
 guidance counselor web site scholarship directory other

Please check the box if you are a first generation student to attend a college or university

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Country: **United States of America**

Applicant, please provide us the name of the COUNTY County: _____
in which your current city of residence is located.

State: _____

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FAMILY INFORMATION

Applicant's Place of Birth: (City, State, Country) _____

Parent/Guardian: _____
First Last Relationship

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Alternate phone number/contact name: _____

APPLICANT: To the best of your knowledge, please record your information in the boxes below. 

High School Grade Point Average	Class Rank	No. in Class	ACT Composite	SAT Critical Reading	SAT Math	SAT Written
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

APPLICANT ACADEMIC STATUS and HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

High School Counselor's name: _____

High School Counselor's office telephone number: _____

Intended Major: _____

Name of college or university you have applied to attend: _____

State _____ Name _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN FINANCIAL DATA (required)

- Adjusted Gross Income (FORM 1040): _____
- Yearly Untaxed Income and Benefits: _____
Please indicate source:
 Social Security AFDC Child Support Other
- Total Cash, Checking, Savings, and Cash Value of Stocks (exclude retirement plan funds, IRA, 401K): _____
- Total number of family members _____ living in the household and primarily supported by the reported income.
- Total number of family members _____ attending college at least half-time during the next school year, including applicant.
- Marital status of parent or guardian:
 Married Divorced Separated Widowed Single

CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

All of the information that I have provided in this application and in the enclosed letters is true and complete, to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I am currently enrolled and in good standing as a senior in high school, enrolled in or applying for full-time enrollment to a two- or four-year college or university or vocational/technical school for the 2009-2010 academic year and am eligible to receive scholarships granted under the Program. I hereby authorize RMHC® and McDonald's® to use any information contained in this application for the purpose of promoting and publishing the Program, or as legally required or permitted by law.

Authorization for release of records

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, permission is hereby given to applicant's school officials to release the applicant's secondary school record and other requested information for consideration in the Program.

Applicant Signature: (required) _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Please attach your personal statement on a separate document. Confirm that your parent/guardian IRS Form 1040, transcripts and letter of recommendation are attached, or your application will not be reviewed.