



MICHIGAN RELOCATION COUNCIL

January 2024

TO: Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo Public Schools and Surrounding Counties Guidance Departments

FROM: Michigan Relocation Council (MiRC)

RE: [2024 MiRC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY](#)

On behalf of the Michigan Relocation Council (MiRC), we would like to make you aware of, and ask your support in promoting, a scholarship opportunity for current high school seniors attending Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo Public Schools and their surrounding counties high schools. To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must be a senior currently attending a one of the above mentioned public high schools and their surrounding counties.

The Michigan Relocation Council is a non-profit organization that brings together business corporations and relocation service providers for the primary purpose of providing educational information and current relocation industry updates to its members. As a part of our community outreach efforts, MiRC sponsors a scholarship to assist a worthy high school senior in helping aid with college costs.

The MiRC scholarship program focuses on current high school seniors who have relocated into or within Michigan sometime between grades 9 (after completion of the 8th grade) and 12. We would like to encourage your students to apply. The [one-time award of \\$1,000](#) will be presented to an area high school senior this year. The award will be sent directly to the college of choice that the student will be attending to assist with tuition, etc.

MiRC will select the scholarship winner based on the strength of their total application package. The student will be evaluated on:

- academic performance (as illustrated in their transcripts)
- extra-curricular activities (to be listed with their application), and
- their essay addressing the way they handled the challenges associated with relocating to a new area and a new high school.

We ask for your assistance with the following items:

- 1) Please make eligible students aware of this scholarship opportunity and encourage their participation. [Please post the scholarship application on your school website and in any newsletter to seniors as soon as you receive this information, as the deadline for submissions is **Friday, March 1, 2024** \(no exceptions, please\).](#)

- 2) Please confirm the applicant's eligibility based on the criteria that they have:
 - a. Relocated more than 50 miles and changed schools due to their family's relocation between the 9th and 12th grades, and
 - b. Have a current minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 (or equivalent achievement on a different scale)
- 3) Assist with submissions by signing the application and providing academic performance information including grades and major test scores (SAT) to accompany the student's application.

There are two documents that we are providing you and we ask you to provide these to interested and qualified seniors:

- The MiRC Scholarship Instructions for Students
- The MiRC Scholarship Application

Making these two documents available on your website is recommended. Please make hard copies to distribute as needed. **We must receive the completed application (to include the signed application, academic scores from your office, and the student's essay along with extracurricular activities) no later than Friday, March 1, 2024 (no exceptions, please).** The scholarship will be awarded at our 2024 2nd Quarter meeting, and the winning student and their parent(s) will be cordially invited to attend. We will be contacting the selected scholarship recipient prior to our meeting to invite them to attend.

Please contact the following for more information:

- Joe Gurth, MiRC Secretary and Charitable Contributions Committee Chair
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For further information about MiRC, please visit our website at <https://mirelocouncil.org/>.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you and your staff to encourage student participation in this scholarship opportunity.

NOTE: If you are not the correct person to be receiving this information, please forward to the appropriate person with a copy to mirc@mirelocouncil.org.

Sincerely,

MiRC Board and Charitable Causes Committee