

## MEA Scholarship application information

Our eligibility criterion is listed below:

### Eligibility Criteria

- Dependent of an MEA member or MEA-Retired member in good standing
- Graduate of a Michigan public high school or private high school that has an MEA bargaining unit.
- Will attend or is currently an undergraduate student of a Michigan public community/junior college, four-year degree-granting institution, or vocational training institution that grants a degree, certification or license. Those attending the following private institutions ONLY are also eligible: Baker College-Flint/Owosso; University of Detroit–Mercy; Adrian College; Finlandia University; and Albion College. (The aforementioned private institutions are existing local MEA affiliates.)
- Note: Children of MEA officers, fund trustees, and MEA staff are not eligible. (A child of an MEA, MESSA or MEA-FS staff person is eligible if the other parent is an MEA member in good standing).
- Beginning in 2022-2023, MEA will offer an additional scholarship meant to encourage and support the continued education of members of the BIPOC (African American/Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian/Pacific Islander or Hispanic/Latinx) community to further the belief that a diverse society enriches all individuals. Applicants for the BIPOC Scholarship must identify as a member of a defined BIPOC group as listed above.

### Selection Criteria

Priority is given on the basis of:

- Academic achievement
- Extra-curricular activities
- School and community service

Last year, MEA awarded 49 scholarships totaling \$56,800 (\$1,600 scholarships to 22 new winners and \$800 scholarships to 27 returning college students). We have not yet determined the number and amount of scholarships for 2023.

Please direct eligible applicants to <https://mea.org/mea-scholarship/> to access the application. The application can be typed into, saved and then printed for signature to be mailed with the required documentation. If applicants are unable to fill out the application electronically, legible handwritten applications are acceptable. Applicants may also email all materials in a PDF format.

Please discard any 2022 applications you might have. We will not be able to accept applications that are submitted on outdated forms.

The application deadline is **Thursday, February 16, 2023**– this is the date that applications need to be received by MEA. A postmark does not constitute being

received. No applications will be accepted after the deadline. Please stress the timely submission of the application to students and school personnel. There will be no extensions granted due to weather delays, snow days or power outages.

If you have any questions regarding the application or scholarship, please contact Barb Hitchcock at [bhitchcock@mea.org](mailto:bhitchcock@mea.org) or 517-333-6276.

Thank you very much for your assistance. We look forward to receiving applications from students in your high school.