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# Ronald McDonald House Charities® of GREATER LAS VEGAS Scholarship Program 2012 Application



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Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) of Greater Las Vegas, with support from RMHC Inc., McDonald's® Owner/Operators of Greater Las Vegas, & The Las Vegas Review-Journal, is proud to offer the following scholarship opportunities to local high school seniors...

**Application Deadline: January 6, 2012**



2011 RMHC Scholarship Recipients

## BACKGROUND

Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) of Greater Las Vegas is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well being of children in our community.

With education costs spiraling ever higher, a college education is beyond the financial reach of many outstanding students. A partnership between RMHC and its local Chapters opens the door to higher education for graduating high school seniors who face limited access to educational and career opportunities. The RMHC scholarship program seeks to invest in students who are exemplary role models in their communities and have the initiative to fulfill their educational goals. RMHC's goal is simple: to identify and invest in future leaders.

## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 1999, RMHC of Greater Las Vegas has awarded over \$2.49 million in scholarships to over 1,000 high school seniors in Clark & Nye counties. The Las Vegas Review-Journal and McDonald's® Owner/Operators of Greater Las Vegas help support the program by donating a portion of every Review-Journal newspaper sold at participating McDonald's restaurants.

Within the RMHC of Greater Las Vegas Scholarship Program there are additional partner scholarship opportunities available for all eligible applicants. RMHC of Greater Las Vegas partners with these organizations to offer a wider scope of scholarship opportunities. A list of the partner scholarship opportunities can be found on page 3 of the application. Applicants must indicate which partner organization(s) they are applying to on page 6 of the application, and any additional required documents must be submitted with the application. RMHC will distribute the applications and supporting documents to each partner, so **it is not necessary to fill out more than one application.**

## ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- be currently enrolled as a high school senior in Clark or Nye county in Nevada.
- be eligible to attend an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school with a complete course of study.
- have a minimum **unweighted** cumulative GPA of 2.7 or higher.
- be a legal U.S. resident less than 21 yrs. of age.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Eligible applicants must sign and submit a complete application with all required documents, postmarked no later than **January 6, 2011**, or their application will not be reviewed.
- Award amounts vary from \$500 to \$4,000 and may **ONLY** be applied to tuition, fees, and books.
- Applicants are eligible to receive multiple partner awards within the RMHC of Greater Las Vegas scholarship program.
- **Applicants may only apply to one RMHC program** (AAFA, ASIA, HACER®, or Scholars). *Please refer to page 4 of the application for further details.*

## TERMS & CONDITIONS (cont.)

- Applicants must disclose other scholarship programs for which he/she has applied.
- Applicants must be willing to provide additional verification of all information in scholarship application upon request.
- Recipients must enroll in and attend an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school in the 2012 academic year as a full-time student.
- Award amounts are divided evenly over the Fall and Spring semesters of the recipient's freshman year. Checks are sent in August and in January.
- Recipients must submit verification of enrollment and full-time status before checks are sent each semester.
- Recipients must provide information regarding financial aid and additional scholarships they have received.
- Funds are paid via check directly to the accredited institution in which the student enrolls, and are **NOT** paid to or reimbursed to any student at any time.

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following documents are **REQUIRED**:

- The applicant's certified **high school transcript** that documents class rank and GPA.
- **Official test scores** (ACT and/or SAT).
- A typed **personal statement**, no more than 2 pages, that provides information about the applicant's (a) career goals, (b) background and heritage, and (c) desire to contribute to the community. Additional information, such as unique personal or financial circumstances should also be added.
- A one-page **letter of recommendation** from a teacher, school official, coach, mentor, work supervisor, or volunteer supervisor. The letter should be personalized and detail the applicant's (a) background, (b) achievements, (c) leadership abilities, and (d) community involvement. Form letters will be given minimum consideration.
- All applicants must submit the most current copy of the **IRS Form 1040** filed by his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) used to document total income.

## CERTIFICATION AND 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. If it is later determined that information contained in the application is false or misleading, final awards may be rescinded. 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.

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Completed applications with all required documents must be postmarked no later than **Friday, January 6, 2012** and sent to:

RMHC of Greater Las Vegas  
Scholarship Program  
2323 Potosi St.  
Las Vegas, NV 89146

Incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered. Applicants will be notified of award decisions in April, 2012. **Questions?** Call (702) 252-4663 or email sarah@rmhlv.com.

## PARTNER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The following are additional partner scholarship opportunities available for all eligible applicants. RMHC of Greater Las Vegas partners with these organizations to offer a wider scope of scholarship opportunities. To be considered for any of the following partner scholarships, applicants must indicate which partner organization(s) they are applying to on **page 6** of the application, and any additional required documents must be submitted with the application. RMHC will distribute the applications and supporting documents to each partner, so **it is not necessary to fill out more than one application or make multiple copies.**

### **100 Black Men of America, Las Vegas Chapter**

- Have at least one parent of African American heritage.
- Have a strong resume of school and community leadership activities.
- One additional letter of recommendation from a community leader (2 letters total). Letter of recommendation must include activities that the applicant participated in and how they effected the students and/or the community.
- Members and members' relatives of the 100 Black Men of America, Inc. are not eligible to receive this award.

### **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Theta Omega Chapter**

- Have at least one parent of African American heritage.
- Be female and demonstrate financial need.
- In addition to the personal statement, applicants must submit a double spaced 400-500 word essay answering the following: "Identify your career goals and explain how you plan to achieve these goals."
- One additional letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, coach or employer (2 letters total).

### **The Links, Inc.**

- Have at least one parent of African American heritage.
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Applicants should demonstrate service to after school sports, programs, activities and community and voluntary endeavors.
- Applicants may be asked to participate in an oral interview with The Links, Inc. scholarship selection committee.
- Two additional letters of recommendation from a teacher or counselor (3 letters total).

### **Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.**

- Have at least one parent of African American heritage.
- Applicants must be male.
- Submit a written one (1) page history of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.
- Applicants should mention if they're related to an Omega Psi Phi Fraternity member – provide the name of the member and their relation to the applicant.

### **United Firefighters of Southern Nevada**

- Have at least one parent of African American heritage.
- Attend a post secondary institution for coursework in Fire Technology, Fire Sciences, or Emergency Medical Technology (EMT).
- Submit a 500 word essay (typed) defining fire base/ EMS service and how it helps their community.

### **Delta Sigma Theta**

- Have at least one parent of African American heritage.
- Attend an accredited four (4) year post-secondary institution.
- Show evidence of worthy character, promise and leadership qualities, however awards may be given solely on the basis of academic excellence.
- Applicants may be asked to participate in an oral interview with the Delta Sigma Theta scholarship selection committee.
- In the personal statement, applicants must include an explanation of financial need or request consideration for academic excellence. Applicants should also mention if they are related to a Delta Sigma Theta Sorority member - provide the name of the member and their relation to the applicant.
- Two additional letters of recommendation from a religious or civic leader, employer, or volunteer supervisor who will vouch for the character and community service activities of the applicant (3 letters total).

### **HEAN - Hispanic Educators Association of Nevada**

- Have at least one parent of Hispanic/Latino heritage.
- Have a minimum 2.75 GPA and demonstrate financial need.
- Declare a major in education.
- In addition to the personal statement, applicants must submit an essay no longer than 2 pages addressing one or both of the following: 1) How your achievements have enabled you to contribute in positive ways to the Hispanic community, and 2) How being an educator will enable you to contribute to the Hispanic youth in the future.

### **Through the Eyes of a Child Foundation**

- Applicants must have been a ward of the State of Nevada, Clark County and must submit a copy of the first page of the court order.
- In addition to the personal statement, applicants must submit a letter stating why he/she should be considered for this scholarship.
- One additional personal letter of recommendation from a foster family, case-manager, guardian, parent, attorney, friend, etc. The individual who writes this letter must recommend that the applicant be funded, commit their support to the applicant's success, and include contact information.



# RMHC of Greater Las Vegas 2012 Scholarship Application

## APPLICANT GENERAL INFORMATION *Please Type Or Print*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
First MI Last

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
St. # Street Name or RFD Apt. or Unit #

\_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip

HOME PHONE # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL / ALTERNATE PHONE # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  MALE  FEMALE  
Day Month Year

Applicants to the RMHC of Greater Las Vegas scholarship program must apply through one of four programs. Please check which program you are applying for (*please choose ONLY ONE*).

- RMHC® / AAFA** (African American Future Achievers) *applicant must have at least one parent of African American or Black Caribbean heritage.*
- RMHC® / ASIA** (Asian-Pacific Students Increasing Achievement) *applicant must have at least one parent of Asian/Pacific-Islander heritage.*
- RMHC® / HACER®** (Hispanic American Commitment to Education Resources) *applicant must have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage.*
- RMHC® Scholars** (General Market Scholarship) *all students may apply regardless of ethnic heritage. Note: Asian, African American and Hispanic students are welcome to apply for the RMHC Scholars program provided they have not applied for one of the three scholarship programs listed above.*

What is your Ethnicity/Nationality? (*optional*)

- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Asian
- African American
- Black Caribbean
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White/Caucasian
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a legal U.S. resident?  Yes  No

Are you a first generation student from your family to attend a college or university?  Yes  No

How did you hear about the RMHC scholarship program?

- Counselor  Teacher/coach  Website  Scholarship directory  Radio, TV, or newspaper  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you, or an immediate member of your family, an employee of McDonald's\*?  Yes  No

\* McDonald's employees who meet all scholarship requirements ARE eligible to apply.

## FAMILY INFORMATION

APPLICANT'S PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Country

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last Relationship

PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last Relationship

ALTERNATE CONTACT NAME AND PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

## ACADEMIC STATUS and HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Complete the boxes below. Information must match official transcript & test scores

Cumulative High School Grade Point Average (GPA) UNWEIGHTED	Class Rank	ACT Composite	SAT Critical Reading	SAT Math	SAT Written
_____	Your rank _____ # in class _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

HIGH SCHOOL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name State

INTENDED MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**SCHOOL / EXTRACURRICULAR** List up to five activities you have had the most involvement in the last four years (school clubs, student govt., publications, varsity or club sports, theater arts, Scouting, 4-H, etc.) Please do not use acronyms.

Activity/Group	Years Involved	Highest Position	Name & Phone # of Advisor
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER SERVICE** List up to five agencies or organizations in which you have participated WITHOUT PAY during the last three years (religious groups, hospital volunteer, cultural activities, outreach programs, etc.) Please do not use acronyms.

Agency/Organizatoin	Years Involved	Type of Work	Name & Phone # of Advisor
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**WORK EXPERIENCE** List any work experience you have had (food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work, etc.).

Employer Name	Start Date	End Date	Highest Position	Name & Phone # of Supervisor
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## PARENT / GUARDIAN FINANCIAL DATA (required)

- 1) Parent/Guardian's adjusted gross income (FORM 1040) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Parent/Guardian's yearly untaxed income and benefits \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please indicate source:*     Social Security     AFDC     Child Support     Other
- 3) Total cash, checking, savings, and cash value of stocks (exclude retirement plan funds, IRA, 401K) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Total number of family members living in the household and primarily supported by the income listed on line 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Total # of family members attending college at least half-time during the next school year (2012-2013), including applicant \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Marital status of parent or guardian:                     Married     Divorced     Separated     Widowed     Single

## PARTNER SCHOLARSHIPS (optional)

Please indicate any partner scholarships you're applying for by checking the appropriate box. Include any additional requirements with your application. For a full description of partner scholarship eligibility requirements, see page 3 of the application.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Black Men of America         | <input type="checkbox"/> Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. | <input type="checkbox"/> United Firefighters of Southern Nevada   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Educators Association of Nevada |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Links, Inc.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Through the Eyes of a Child Foundation   |

Please list other scholarship programs for which you have applied:

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## CERTIFICATION and AUTHORIZATION

All of the information that I have provided in this application and in the enclosed letters is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand and acknowledge that providing false or misleading information in any aspect of this application or any enclosed letters may lead to the rescinding of any award that I may have received. I authorize Ronald McDonald House Charities and/or McDonald's to verify any of the information contained herein – including after the awarding of any scholarship. I certify that I am currently enrolled in high school as a senior and am in good academic standing. I confirm that I will be applying for or are already enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school for the 2012 academic year and am eligible to receive scholarships granted under the Program. I understand that should I be selected for a scholarship, I (or my parent/guardian on my behalf) will be required to execute a talent release form prior to the award of any scholarship. I may also be required to participate in media events at selected times to promote the Program and agree that my attendance at such events (unless excused for cause) is a condition of being awarded any scholarship. Failure to execute any talent release or failure to appear at any events (unless excused for cause) may lead to revocation of any award. I hereby authorize Ronald McDonald House Charities or any of its Local Chapters 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

In accordance with the provisions of the Family Education 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'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

*(required if applicant is under 18 years of age)*

**Application Due: Friday, January 6, 2012**

### BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WHEN SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION OR IT WILL NOT BE REVIEWED:

- Personal statement     Parent/guardian's IRS form 1040     Letter(s) of recommendation     Official test scores (ACT and/or SAT)  
 Official HS Transcript with GPA and class rank     Any additional materials required for partner scholarships *(if applicable)*

Questions? Call **(702) 252.4663**, visit [www.rmhlv.com](http://www.rmhlv.com) or email [sarah@rmhlv.com](mailto:sarah@rmhlv.com)