

Ronald McDonald House Charities®
of GREATER LAS VEGAS

Alumni Scholarship Program 2010 Application

MAKING A LONG STANDING
COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND
INVESTING IN FUTURE LEADERS

Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) of Greater Las Vegas, with support from Ronald McDonald House Charities, Inc. & McDonald's® Owner/Operators of Greater Las Vegas, is proud to offer continuing scholarship opportunities to students who have previously received scholarships through the RMHC of Greater Las Vegas Scholarship Program.



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RMHC® Scholars



Alumni

Application Deadline: February 16, 2010

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 students 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 \$1.8 million in scholarships to over 800 high school seniors in Clark & Nye counties. The RMHC® Alumni Scholars Scholarship Program began offering scholarships to past RMHC Scholarship recipients in 2008. To date, the Program has awarded over \$50,000 to 27 college students.

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.

ELIGIBILITY

All applicants must meet the following criteria:

- be a past recipient of the RMHC of Greater Las Vegas Scholarship Program.
- currently be enrolled at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational/technical school with a complete course of study.
- have a minimum 3.0 cumulative college GPA (high school GPA's NOT considered).
- submit a complete signed application with all required documents.
- be a legal U.S. resident.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Eligible applicants must sign and submit a complete application with all required documents, postmarked no later than **February 16, 2010**, or their application will not be reviewed.
- Award amounts vary from \$1,500 to \$2,000 and may ONLY be applied to tuition, fees, room and board and books.
- Recipients must attend an accredited college or university or vocational/technical school in the 2010 academic year as a full-time student. (12 credit hours min.)
- The total award amount is sent in August. It is up to the recipient to decide how funds should be divided over the Fall and Spring semesters.
- Recipients must submit verification of enrollment and full-time status before checks are sent.

- Funds are paid via check directly to the accredited institution in which the student is enrolled, and are NOT paid to or reimbursed to any student at any time.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following documents are REQUIRED:

- Certified college transcript(s). Must include cumulative GPA, total credit hours (or equivalent), courses taken, and degree requirements.
- A personal statement from the applicant, no more than 3 pages, that answers the following: (a) How has the RMHC Scholarship helped you achieve your educational goals? (b) What are your current career goals and how do you plan on achieving these goals? (c) Provide information about any community involvement and/or extracurricular activities you've been involved in at college. Any unique personal or financial circumstances should also be added.
- Two letters of recommendation from a professor, coach, employer, community leader, or other school official. The letters should be personalized and detail the applicant's (a) achievements, (b) leadership abilities, (c) career pursuits and/or (d) community involvement.
- All applicants must submit a current (2008 or 2009) copy of the IRS Form 1040 filed by his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) used to document total income.
- OPTIONAL: Photos and personal stories of your college experience are always welcome!

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 **Monday, February 16, 2010** and sent to:

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

Incomplete applications will NOT be considered. Applicants will be notified of award decisions in May, 2010.



RMHC of Greater Las Vegas 2010 Alumni 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

MAILING ADDRESS AT SCHOOL _____
(IF DIFFERENT) St. # Street Name or RFD Apt. or Unit #

City State Zip

CELL PHONE # (_____) _____ HOME/ ALTERNATE PHONE # (_____) _____

EMAIL _____

DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ MALE FEMALE
Day Month Year

FAMILY INFORMATION

Applicant's Place of Birth: _____
City ST County

Father's Name: _____
First MI Last

Mother's Name: _____
First MI Last

Alternate phone number / contact name: _____

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

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of school or post-secondary educational institute you currently attend: _____

MAJOR/FIELD OF STUDY: _____

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED: _____ TOTAL CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED FOR DEGREE: _____

CUMULATIVE COLLEGE GPA: _____ ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE: _____

Name of school(s) you have attended since graduating high school (if different from above): _____

Name of school you plan on attending in the Fall of 2010 (if different from above): _____

Are you the first generation from your family to attend college? Yes No

What year did you graduate high school? _____

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 Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER SERVICE List up to three 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.

Activity/Group	Years Involved
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

WORK EXPERIENCE List the last three jobs you have held the longest (food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work, etc.)

Employer Name	Position	Start Date	End Date	Hours per week
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

PARENT / GUARDIAN FINANCIAL DATA (required)

- 1) Adjusted gross income (FORM 1040) _____
- 2) 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 number of family members attending college at least half-time during the next school year, including applicant _____
- 6) Marital status of parent or guardian: Married Divorced Separated Widowed Single

CERTIFICATION and AUTHORIZATION

All 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 understand that the provision of false or misleading information may lead to the rescinding of an award. I certify that I am currently enrolled full-time at a two- or four-year college or university or vocational/technical school 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'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
(required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

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
- Letters of recommendation
- Official College Transcript with GPA, Credit Hours, and Degree Requirements