



Ronald McDonald House Charities®

African American Future Achievers Scholarship Program

2009–2010 APPLICATION

Making a long standing
commitment to
education

Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) of Southern California funds scholarships to local students as part of the RMHC ongoing commitment to education. The McDonald's® Operators' Association of Southern California (MOASC) funds the administrative costs needed to make the Southern California scholarship program possible.

**Application deadline
March 12, 2010**

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Background

Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) of Southern California and the McDonald's® Operators' Association of Southern California (MOASC) annually sponsor four college scholarship programs for students from communities who face limited access to educational and career opportunities.

These scholarships: RMHC/African American Future Achievers; RMHC/Asian Pacific American Students Increasing Achievement (ASIA); RMHC/Hispanic American Commitment to Educational Resources (HACER®); and RMHC/Scholars are part of the RMHC and McDonald's ongoing commitment to education.

By funding all administrative costs of the RMHC of Southern California scholarship program, MOASC has helped the program award more than \$3.3 million in scholarship funds to students who reside in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties.

Eligibility

Currently enrolled high school seniors who have at least one parent of African American heritage and who are eligible to attend an accredited 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, have a minimum 2.7 GPA and reside within the geographic boundaries of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino or Ventura counties. Applicants may apply for more than one RMHC of Southern California scholarship program, but can only receive one scholarship award.

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 March 12, 2010.

Scholarship terms and conditions

RMHC of Southern California will award 21 - \$2,000 RMHC/African American Future Achievers scholarships. Recipients will be selected by an advisory board consisting of educators, and community and civic leaders.

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, and Letter of Recommendation 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 carry a minimum 2.7 GPA.
- ✓ Applicants must submit a personal statement that provides information about their African American background, career goals and desire to contribute to their community. Information about unique, personal or financial circumstances may be added. The statement should be double-spaced with no smaller than 12-point font, no more than two pages in length and include the applicant's name and address on the top, right hand side of both pages of the document.
- ✓ A one-page letter of recommendation from one of the 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.

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 and ability. If later determined that information contained in the application is false or misleading, final awards may be rescinded. With their signature and submission of the application, applicants also grant RMHC, RMHC of Southern California, McDonald's and MOASC the right to use their information and their likeness for the purpose of promoting and publicizing the RMHC/African American Future Achievers Scholarship Program.

Submission of the application

All complete applications must be postmarked by March 12, 2010. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be sent to:

**RMHC/Future Achievers Scholarship Program
c/o Accelerated Imaging
5 Holland St, Bldg #223
Irvine, CA 92618**

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

Step 2 MAIL THE APPLICATION

by March 12, 2010 to:

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APPLICANT GENERAL INFORMATION *Please print or type.*

NAME _____
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 Program? Guidance Counselor Web site
 Scholarship directory Other

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

COUNTRY United States of America

Please check the box that corresponds with the county in which your current city of residence is located.

Los Angeles Orange Riverside San Bernardino Ventura

STATE California

FAMILY INFORMATION

APPLICANT'S PLACE OF BIRTH _____
City State Country

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____
First Last Relationship

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____
First Last Relationship

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER/CONTACT NAME _____

APPLICANT ACADEMIC STATUS and HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

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

High school grade point average	Class rank	Number in class	ACT composite	SAT critical reading	SAT math	SAT written

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 _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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

Activity description	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.). Enter *TOTAL* hours per activity, over the last three years. *Do not use acronyms.*

Service description	Total hours

WORK EXPERIENCE. List the last three jobs you have held the longest (food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work, etc.). *Do not use acronyms.*

Employer name	Position	From date MM/YYYY	To date MM/YYYY	Hours (average per week)

PARENT/GUARDIAN FINANCIAL DATA *(required)*

1. Adjusted gross income. _____
 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 reported income. _____
 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
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OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS *(optional)*

PLEASE LIST OTHER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED:

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 understand that the provision of false or misleading information may lead to the rescinding of an award. 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 2010–2011 academic year and am eligible to receive scholarships granted under the program. I hereby authorize RMHC, RMHC of Southern California, McDonald's and MOASC to use any information contained in this application for the purpose of promoting and publishing the program, or as legally required/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. Be sure to include your name and address on the top, right hand side of both pages of your personal statement. Confirm that your transcripts and letter of recommendation are attached, or your application will not be reviewed. **DO NOT STAPLE.**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Ensure application is complete by submitting:
 - Application (*be sure to sign and date application*)
 - Official high school transcript
 - Letter of recommendation
 - Personal statement (*be sure to include your name and address on the top, right hand side of both pages of the document*)

- Complete application and mail additional materials by **March 12, 2010** to:

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