

**THE MCNEIL SCHOLAR PROGRAM-DETROIT  
FIRST TIME APPLICANT  
ELIGIBILITY/SELECTION  
2026-2027**



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**The McNeil Scholar Program-Detroit** is a renewable scholarship program funded by **The Ronald D. & Regina C. McNeil Foundation, Inc.** Awards are made on an annual basis to academically qualified individuals with a financial need.

### **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- U. S. citizen
- Graduating senior of a Detroit Public Schools Community District High School
- Minimum high school academic grade point average (**AGPA**) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale with consideration of standardized test scores
- Demonstrated financial need
- Acceptance to, with plans to attend, an accredited institution of higher education in the state of Michigan or one of the five United States Military Academies.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- **TRANSCRIPT:** An *official* high school transcript complete with cumulative GPA
- **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Two (2) letters of recommendation, addressed to **The McNeil Scholar Program-Detroit Selection Committee**, from school staff who have personal knowledge of your
  - Academic record and accomplishments
  - Character
  - Educational goals and objectives
- **PERSONAL STATEMENT:** A personal statement describing yourself and your short and long term educational and career goals and your plan for accomplishing each

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- **FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:** A copy of your 2025-2026 **FAFSA** Submission Summary complete with your Student Aid Index (**SAI**)
- **STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES: ACT or SAT**
- **PERSONAL INTERVIEW:** Applicants selected to participate in the interview process will be notified and must complete pre-interview documents