MICHIGAN RELOCATION COUNCIL

Michigan Relocation Council (MiRC)
2026 Scholarship Application

Background

The Michigan Relocation Council (MiRC) is a non-profit organization that provides corporate and service industry relocation professionals the opportunity to meet and work together on a regular basis to educate, to learn and to share knowledge and experiences about current relocation practices and emerging relocation issues to better serve and address the diverse needs of relocating employees and their families. As part of our commitment to Relocation, MiRC has developed a scholarship program for current high school seniors attending Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo Public Schools and their surrounding counties high schools, who have relocated into or within Michigan sometime between grades 9 (after 8th grade graduation) and 12.

A one-time award of $1,000 will be presented to a Michigan high school senior this year.
(Eligibility is limited to seniors attending Michigan public high schools)

The award will be sent directly to the college that the student will be attending to assist with tuition, etc.

The MiRC organization will select the scholarship winner based on the strength of their total application. The student will be evaluated based on the following:

1.) Academic performance (as validated by transcripts from the counselor's office),
2.) Extra-curricular activities (to be provided to us along with the application and essay), and
3.) The student's essay addressing the challenges associated with relocating to a new area and a new high school (please see greater details regarding the essay requirements below).

Requirements

Applicants must meet these requirements:

- Currently a senior in good standing at a Michigan public high school in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Lansing, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo and their surrounding counties high schools.
- Has relocated more than 50 miles and changed schools due to their family's relocation between grades 9 and 12.
- Currently have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 (or equivalent if different scale)

Please submit the following information:

1.) Your completed application, signed by your School Counseling Department,

2.) Your grade transcripts, provided by your School Counseling Department:

3.) Please list (on a separate sheet) all your extra-curricular activities & work experience during high school.

4.) **ESSAY GUIDELINES**: Please write an essay telling us about your experiences associated with your relocation. Please feel free to discuss:

- your family background,
- reasons for the relocation,
- the challenges encountered with the relocation,
- the successes you achieved.
- Importantly, *please feel free to include any advice that you would give to another teenager preparing to relocate*.
- The essay should be between 1,000 to 1,500 words and **must be e-mailed in a Word document format.**

Complete applications must be received no later than March 2, 2026. No exceptions. The scholarship will be awarded at our 2nd Quarter meeting, where the winner and their parent(s) are cordially invited to attend. The winner will participate in a brief question & answer session, to allow the audience a chance to meet them and hear about their experience first-hand!

Thank you for your interest and participation. Good luck!

To reiterate, please submit the following:

1.) **Signed Application**
2.) **Grade Transcripts**
3.) **List of Extra-Curricular Activities**
4.) **Essay (as a Word Document)**

By Email to: mirc@mirelocouncil.org.

DEADLINE: March 2, 2025 – no exceptions, please.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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For further information about MiRC, please visit our website at https://mirelocouncil.org/