

**THE MCNEIL SCHOLAR PROGRAM-DETROIT
FIRST TIME APPLICANT
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
2025-2026**



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1. **Name.** The name provided should match the name on your Birth Certificate.
2. **Gender.** Mark as appropriate.
3. **Date of Birth.** For example, March 15, 2007 is written as 03/15/2007.
4. **Permanent Mailing Address.** You must give a permanent home mailing address, not a P.O. Box or office address. Please include a personal email address and a personal cell phone number.
5. **Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s).** Give the name(s), address and phone of your parent(s) or your legal guardian(s). If this address is the same as your permanent mailing address, write **SAME**. Please include a phone number for your parent/legal guardian.
6. Scholarship applicants/recipients must be United States citizens.
7. Scholarship applicants/recipients must be permanent residents of Detroit, Michigan.
8. Provide information concerning your parents' high school education.
9. Provide information concerning your parents' education beyond high school.
10. **Race/Ethnicity.** Please be specific.
11. **High School Attended.**
Example: City High School Sept, 2018 - June, 2020
 Detroit High School Sept, 2020 - June, 2022

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12. **High School Graduation.** Give the date (month, year) that you graduated from high school or the expected date of your high school graduation.
13. Give the name, address and phone of the college to which you have been accepted and plan to attend.
14. **Self-Reported Academic GPA (AGPA).** Your **AGPA** is based on the credit hours and grades earned in the **college preparatory** mathematics and science courses taken in grades 9-12. Compute your **AGPA** using the following example as your guide. **List all mathematics courses before science and please list one course per line.** Use additional sheets if needed.

EXAMPLE

Use the following scale to compute your **AGPA**:

(A- or A =4) (B-, B or B+ =3) (C-, C or C+ =2) (D-, D or D+ =1) (I, P, W, or E=0).

	X	Y	Z
COURSE NAME	CREDIT HOURS	GRADE VALUE	Column X multiplied by Column Y
Algebra I	0.5	A=4	$0.5 \times 4 = 2.0$
Algebra II	0.5	C=2	$0.5 \times 2 = 1.0$
Chemistry I	0.5	B=3	$0.5 \times 3 = 1.5$
TOTAL	1.5		4.5

ACADEMIC GPA = 4.5 divided by 1.5 = 3.0. (**TOTAL** from Column Z divided by **TOTAL** from Column X rounded to the nearest tenth.) **Your AGPA is 3.0.**

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15. **Personal Statement.** Describe yourself. Your personal statement should be approximately one page (typed, single spaced) and should include your educational and professional goals/objectives and your plans for attaining each. Be specific.
16. You must attach a copy of your 2025-2026 **FAFSA** Submission Summary including your Student Aid Index (**SAI**).
17. You must attach a copy of your most recent official **ACT® Plus Writing** Student Report or your **SAT** Score Report.
18. **Signature.** Please sign and date your application. Unsigned applications **will not** be processed.

In addition to the application, it is the applicant's responsibility to have an *official* high school transcript and two (2) letters of recommendation on file with the Selection Committee. Recommendations and transcripts must be mailed separately from the application. Your complete application must be postmarked no later than midnight April 15, 2025. Late, inaccurate or incomplete applications will not be processed. Mail to:

**Selection Committee
The McNeil Scholar Program-Detroit
The Ronald D. & Regina C. McNeil Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 69
Lake Zurich, IL 60047**

Please do not bind or staple your application