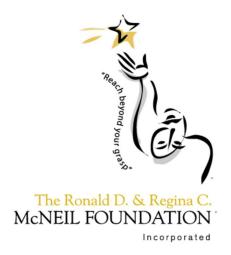
## THE MCNEIL SCHOLAR PROGRAM-DETROIT FIRST TIME APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY/SELECTION 2025-2026



**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**

- TRANSCIPT: 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
  - o 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