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U.S. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Application 2011/2012

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education and investing in future leaders*

Application deadline January 27, 2012

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BACKGROUND

Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®), a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well being of children. Its programs are grassroots-driven to enable the Charity to offer help where children need it most—right in their own communities. Driven by a passion to reach out to children in need and help them reach their full potential, RMHC works to break down barriers, build bridges and find solutions to the most urgent problems facing children and families today.

With education costs spiraling ever higher, a college education is beyond the financial reach of many outstanding students. A partnership between RMHC and its local Chapters opens the door to higher education for graduating high school seniors who face limited access to educational and career opportunities. The RMHC scholarship program seeks to invest in students who are exemplary role models in their communities and have the initiative to fulfill their educational goals.

RMHC's goal is simple: to identify and invest in future leaders.

ELIGIBILITY

Currently enrolled high school seniors who are eligible to enroll and attend an institution of higher education or vocational/technical school with a complete course of study in the year immediately following graduation may apply for only one RMHC scholarship program. Please refer to www.rmhc.org to confirm which scholarship programs are offered in your county. Applicant must be a legal U.S. resident, be less than 21 years of age, have a minimum 2.7 GPA and reside within the geographic boundaries of a participating Chapter that offers scholarships. Applicant must disclose other scholarship programs for which he/she has applied. Applicant must be willing to provide additional verification of all information in the scholarship application upon request.

PLEASE NOTE: All students are eligible to apply for the RMHC Scholars regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Eligible students must submit a complete application and attach all of the required documentation or their application will not be reviewed.
- **Application must be postmarked no later than January 27, 2012.**

SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Most local Chapters award a minimum of \$1,000, although amounts may vary in some program areas. Applicants should contact their corresponding local Chapter for detailed information. Contact information is available at www.rmhc.org.

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, Letter of Recommendation, Parent/Guardian IRS Form 1040 REQUIRED

- A certified high school transcript that contains the student's class rank and test scores must be submitted with the attached application. Applicant must carry a minimum 2.7 GPA.
- Applicant must list his/her test scores on page 4 of the scholarship application.
- Applicant must submit a personal statement that provides information about his/her career goals and desire to contribute to their community. Information about unique, personal or financial circumstances may be added. Personal statements must not be more than two pages in length.
- A one-page letter of recommendation is required. The letter of recommendation may come from either a teacher, college advisor or a mentor associated with the applicant's work or volunteer experience. Letters from parents will not be considered. 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 minimal consideration.
- Applicant must submit a current (2010 or 2011) copy of the IRS Form 1040 filed by his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) used to document total income. Provide the top two pages only, including Adjusted Gross Income.

CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE

Applicant and, where appropriate, his/her parent or guardian, must sign the attached application, certifying that all information provided is true and complete to the best of their knowledge. If later determined that information contained in application is false or misleading, final awards may be rescinded. Upon submission of the completed application, applicants grant RMHC and McDonald's the right to use any information contained in the application for the purpose of promoting and publicizing the program, or as legally required or permitted by law.

SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

1. **Online (preferred):** Students are encouraged to apply online at <https://aim.applyists.net/RMHC> or visit www.rmhc.org for more information.
2. **Hard Copy:** All complete applications must be **postmarked by January 27, 2012**. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applications must be sent to:

**RMHC U.S. Scholarship Program
International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc.
1321 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 800
Nashville, TN 37217**

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

If you have questions about how to apply and/or about your application, please contact ISTS at (615) 777-3750.

GENERAL INFORMATION & APPLICANT DEMOGRAPHICS Please print or type.



*Indicates a required field

You are applying for the **RMHC® Scholars Scholarship Program**.
To apply for a different program, apply online at
<https://aim.applyists.net/RMHC>.

Applicant Information

*E-mail Address _____

Your e-mail address is required for the data entry process. If you do not provide this information, your application may not be considered.

*First Name _____

Middle Initial _____

*Last Name _____

*Permanent Mailing Address _____

*City _____

*State _____ *Zip _____

*County _____

Please provide the name of the county in which your current city of residence is located.

*Home phone number _____

Alternate phone number _____

*Date of Birth _____

For Statistical Purposes Only

Ethnicity/Nationality _____

Gender: Male Female

*Are you currently a high school senior? Yes No

*Are you a legal U.S. resident? Yes No

*Are you or an immediate family member a McDonald's employee? Yes No

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

How did you hear about the RMHC scholarship programs?

Guidance Counselor Counselor Web site

Scholarship directory Other _____

Family Information

Applicant's place of birth:

*City _____

State (if applicable) _____

*Country _____

Parent(s):

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Relationship _____

Phone Number _____

Guardian(s):

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Relationship _____

Phone Number _____

APPLICANT ACADEMIC STATUS Please print or type.

*Indicates a required field



High School

Provide the information for your most recently attended high school.

*High School Name _____

*High School Address _____

*High School City _____

*High School State _____ *Zip _____

High School Counselor's Name _____

High School Phone Number _____

Scores

*Is your GPA Weighted or Un-Weighted? _____

*GPA Scale _____

*GPA _____

*Does your school rank students? Yes No

If yes, please answer the following questions:

*Class Rank _____

*Class Size _____

*Have you taken the ACT or SAT?

If you have taken both, please provide information for all.

ACT Composite Score _____

SAT Critical Reading Score _____

Math Score _____

Written Score _____

I am not required to take the ACT/SAT

College/University or Vocational/Technical School

If you have not finalized your college choice, provide your first choice school.

*Institution State _____

*Institution Name _____

*Major _____

Academic Supporting Documents

The following documents are **required** to complete your application:

- High School Transcript

All high school transcripts must be certified. **Note:** The applicant's full name, school name and contact information must be visible.

If you are able to access your transcript through your school's online student portal, then you may want to consider applying online at <https://aim.applyists.net/RMHC> where you may upload a copy of those pages directly with your application.

Prior to submitting any supporting documents, black out any Social Security Numbers from all documents.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT *Please print or type.*



Community/Volunteer Service (Required)

List **at least** one and up to five 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.** All fields are required for each community/volunteer service listed below.

1. SERVICE DESCRIPTION		START DATE MM/YY	END DATE MM/YY	TOTAL HOURS
CONTACT NAME	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER		
2. SERVICE DESCRIPTION		START DATE MM/YY	END DATE MM/YY	TOTAL HOURS
CONTACT NAME	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER		
3. SERVICE DESCRIPTION		START DATE MM/YY	END DATE MM/YY	TOTAL HOURS
CONTACT NAME	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER		
4. SERVICE DESCRIPTION		START DATE MM/YY	END DATE MM/YY	TOTAL HOURS
CONTACT NAME	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER		
5. SERVICE DESCRIPTION		START DATE MM/YY	END DATE MM/YY	TOTAL HOURS
CONTACT NAME	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER		

Work Experience

List the last three jobs you have held the longest (food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work, etc.). **Do not use acronyms.** All fields are required for each work experience listed below.

1. EMPLOYER NAME	POSITION	START DATE MM/YY	END DATE MM/YY	AVG. HRS/WEEK
CONTACT NAME	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER		
2. EMPLOYER NAME	POSITION	START DATE MM/YY	END DATE MM/YY	AVG. HRS/WEEK
CONTACT NAME	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER		
3. EMPLOYER NAME	POSITION	START DATE MM/YY	END DATE MM/YY	AVG. HRS/WEEK
CONTACT NAME	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER		

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT *continued* Please print or type.



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.** All fields are required for each extracurricular activity listed below.

1. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	HIGHEST POSITION HELD	NUMBER (#) OF YEARS INVOLVED
CONTACT NAME	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER
2. ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	HIGHEST POSITION HELD	NUMBER (#) OF YEARS INVOLVED
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION Please print or type.



*Indicates a required field

Parent/Guardian Financial Data

Provide the information based on the most recent federal income tax return of the parent(s) who claimed the applicant as a dependent. Do not provide the applicant's personal tax information.

*Household Adjusted Gross Income (Form 1040) _____

Yearly untaxed income and benefits _____

Please indicate source of untaxed income, if applicable:

Social Security AFDC Child Support

Other _____

*Total cash, checking, savings, and cash value of stocks (exclude 401k, IRA) _____

*Total number of family members living in household and primarily supported by the reported income _____

*Total number of family members attending college at least part-time during the next school year, including applicant _____

*Marital Status of parent(s) or guardian(s):

Married Divorced Separated Widowed Single

Other Scholarships

Please list other scholarship programs for which you have applied.

Personal Statement

Please include a personal statement detailing how you have acted as an exemplary role model in your community and the initiative you have taken to fulfill your educational goals. **Maximum word count of 1,000 words.** Pay close attention to both content and word count when writing your essay. For best results, type your essay in your choice of a text editor (Example: Microsoft Word™) and include it with your application. It is highly recommended that you have an advisor or teacher read over your essay before submission.

Personal Supporting Documents

The following documents are **required** to complete your application:

- IRS Form 1040 (2010 or 2011 top two pages only)
- Personal Statement
- Recommendation
- High School Transcript

Provide your most recently filed tax return. Prior to submitting any supporting documents, black out any Social Security Numbers from all documents.

TERMS & CONDITIONS



*Indicates a required field

All of the information that I have provided in this application and in the enclosed letters is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand and acknowledge that providing false or misleading information in any aspect of this application or any enclosed letters may lead to the rescinding of any award that I may have received. I authorize Ronald McDonald House Charities and/or McDonald's to verify any of the information contained herein—including after the awarding of any scholarship. I certify that I am currently enrolled in high school as a senior and am in good academic standing. I confirm that I will be applying for or are already enrolled in an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school for the 2012-2013 academic year and am eligible to receive scholarships granted under the program. I understand that should I be selected for a scholarship, I (or my parent/guardian on my behalf) will be required to execute a talent release form prior to the award of any scholarship. I may also be required to participate in media events at selected times to promote the Program and agree that my attendance at such events (unless excused for cause) is a condition of being awarded any scholarship. Failure to execute any talent release or failure to appear at any events (unless excused for cause) may lead to revocation of any award. I hereby authorize Ronald McDonald House Charities or any of its Local Chapters and McDonald's to use any information contained in this application for the purpose of promoting and publishing the program or as legally required or permitted by law.

Authorization for Release of Records

In accordance with the provisions of the Family Education 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.

If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must also agree to these Terms and Conditions.

*Applicant Signature (required) _____ Date _____

Parent of Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
(required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Through Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC), you can make a world of difference for the families who depend on us. We invite you to learn more about our core programs: the Ronald McDonald House®, Ronald McDonald Family Room® and Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®. Spend time with us, and learn how you can help thousands of families spend time with their kids.

Yes, I would like to receive additional information about Ronald McDonald House Charities and local RMHC Chapters.

REMINDER: Be sure that your parent's/guardian's IRS Form 1040, your high school transcripts, personal statement and letter of recommendation are attached or your application will not be reviewed. If you are going to send/mail these separately, make sure you do so before January 27, 2012.

Mail the application by January 27, 2012 to:
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International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc.
1321 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 800
Nashville, TN 37217