

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM POLICY  
REGION 9 MEA-RETIRED

The MEA-R Scholarships are funded by revenue generated from the Wellness Program and the Parade of Homes.

Depending on funding available, scholarships will be awarded annually to recipient(s) who are dependents of MEA members in good standing or dependents of Region 9 MEA-Retired members and are graduating from a public school in the current school year. One scholarship will be designated the Al Rice Scholarship in memory of the founder of the Wellness program. Attempts will be made to diversify the geographic locations of recipients.

Scholarships are for standard academic college programs as well as trade or technology programs. The Al Rice Scholarship is intended for students who are seeking a degree in health or wellness.

Scholarships must be used at Michigan public colleges, universities, or public vocational training institutions which grant degrees, certifications, or licenses. Students attending Adrian College, Baker College-Flint, Owosso, Detroit College of Business, University of Detroit-Mercy, Finlandia University, and Ferris Kendall College of Art & Design will also be eligible with maintained affiliation with MEA. Other MEA affiliated colleges may be considered. Applicants at other, non-affiliated, private institutions are not eligible.

The chairperson of the Region 9 MEA-Retired Scholarship Committee will convene the Scholarship Committee for the purpose of reviewing applications and selecting the scholarship recipients.

- Scholarship recipients must be selected no later than April 15.
- The Chairperson will keep all completed application forms on file.
- At the May, general membership meeting the recipients will received a congratulatory letter, an award certificate and a copy of the necessary enrollment verification. Each recipient will be allowed two guests to the luncheon.
- Scholarship checks will be written at the August Executive Board meeting.
- Checks will be made out to the recipient and the school. The memo line on the check will indicate the purpose of the check as "Tuition". The treasurer will give the checks to the Scholarship Chair for mailing.
- The Scholarship Chair will mail the checks to the school and notification to the student informing them that the check has been sent to the school.

REGION 9 MEA-RETIRED must be acknowledged on both the scholarship applications and the awards.

Adopted unanimously by Region 9 MEA-Retired Board on September 8, 2005.

Revised February 2022

## **REGION 9 MEA-RETIRED**

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION**

The Region 9 MEA-Retired Chapter is offering a one-year scholarship for children of Michigan Education Association (MEA) members in good standing. Applicants must be graduating from a public high school in 2019. The following information details the necessary criteria and requirements to apply.

- Minimum of a 2.0 grade point average during the applicant's junior and senior years.
- Students must be attending and graduating from a Region 9 public school (Ionia, Kent, Montcalm, Ottawa counties).
- Parent(s) or guardian (or grandparents) must be a Michigan Education Association (MEA) member in good standing.

Students must plan to attend a Michigan public college or university. Students who are considering one of the following schools: Adrian College; Baker College – Flint, Owosso; Detroit College of Business; University of Detroit-Mercy; Finlandia University; and Ferris State University-Kendall College of Art & Design are also eligible. School eligibility is based on their affiliation with MEA. Attendees at other private institutions and /or church colleges are not eligible.

Additional information required:

- Activities:
  - Scholastic Awards i.e. Honor Society
  - School Activities i.e. sports, clubs, student leadership etc.
  - Extra-curricular activities i.e. Scouts, church groups, tutoring etc.
- Work and/or volunteer experience
- A 200 – 300 Word essay addressing the following question: How might furthering your education contribute to your life; the lives of others; and contribute to reaching your goals?
- Letters of recommendation from one educator and one non-school related person

**Scholarships must be received no later than  
April 15, 2022**

Completed applications with attached transcript, and letters must be returned to:

Patricia Cutter: Region 9, MEA Retired Scholarship Committee Co-Chair  
6292 Lakeshore Drive  
Saranac, MI 48881  
Or electronically at [patticutter@gmail.com](mailto:patticutter@gmail.com)

## APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Date: \_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, & Zip

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

School you are currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the college/university you plan on attending in 2022-23 \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted to this school? \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a copy of your letter of acceptance from the college or certified trade/technology school when available.

Attach a transcript of your school records.

Attach an Essay (200 -300 words) addressing the following question: How might furthering your education contribute to your life; the lives of others; and contribute to reaching your goals?

Include two typed letters of recommendation from one educator and one not related to your education experience. References must be non-relatives.

List clubs or activities in which you have been involved while in high school; You may add additional pages.

- School literary groups, art, clubs, publications, theater, speech, music, and student government etc.
- Athletics
- Church and/or community activities
- Volunteer work
- Employment

For each, list the year of high school, offices, and/or leadership positions held in such groups. For part-time and volunteer work indicate the number of hours worked per week if applicable

YEARS	ACTIVITY	LEADERSHIP POSITION	VOLUNTEER/WORK HOURS
<i>EX. 2021-2022 Basketball</i>			

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MEA Member

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Applicant's Signature

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Name of School Currently Attending

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High School Contact, phone number, email-address

February 20,  
2022