



MBC-LEO Scholarship Information & Application Overview

The Michigan Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (MBC-LEO) was founded in 2004 as a forum for its members to collaborate, network, coach, mentor, share information, and provide support to one another in the state of Michigan. Among these efforts, MBC-LEO offers \$500 scholarship(s) each year for high school seniors entering their freshman year of college, or current college freshmen who are entering their sophomore year. The application deadline is June 1 of each year, with recipients to put the \$500 award toward the cost of schoolbooks, supplies, tech equipment, etc. for the upcoming academic year. Recipients may receive this scholarship one time only.

Qualifications

1. Applicants must be a current high school student or college freshman who has been accepted to/will continue attending an accredited college or university for the upcoming fall.
2. Applicants must submit all application materials in a complete packet (in order based on the submission checklist on the next page) by mail to the MBC-LEO Scholarship Committee at the address provided on the application form. Applications must be received or postmarked by the June 1 deadline.

Scholarship Award Points

The MBC-LEO Scholarship Committee will award points to applicants based on the categories listed below. These criteria will guide the selection process and may be used as a point of reference for applicants as they compile their materials. The maximum number of points that can be earned is **100**.

Point Categories:

1. Academic Achievement based on Grade Point Average (GPA) (maximum 30 points)
GPA 2.0-2.49 = 15 points; 2.5-2.99 = 20 points; 3.0-3.49 = 25 points; 3.5-4.0 = 30 points
2. Letters of Recommendation (maximum 35 points)
 - A letter of recommendation from a local, state, or national elected or appointed official on their official letterhead (15 points)
 - A letter of recommendation from a school counselor (10 points)
 - A letter of recommendation from a school official, community leader, etc. who can speak to the applicant's volunteer experience (10 points)
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3. Statement of Activities (maximum 10 points)
 - A statement describing the applicants' school, political, and/or community activities.
School = 2 points; Political = 5 points; Community = 3 points)
4. Personal Essay (maximum 25 points)
 - Content = 5 points; Grammar = 5 points; Organization = 5 points (maximum 15 points)
 - Description of special talents and awards (maximum 10 points)

Application Details

References

List three (3) adults (not family members) that may be contacted concerning the applicant's character and dependability. Letters of recommendation may come from these same individuals.

Academic Achievement

To supplement the grade point average (GPA) information requested on the scholarship application, please have a school counselor complete the GPA certification form. This form must indicate the applicant's cumulative GPA and the grading scale used. (Example: 3.8 on a 4.0 scale where C = 2, B = 3, and A = 4). A copy of the applicant's most recent transcript listing the courses taken, grades received, etc. is also required.

Letters of Recommendation

The following letters of recommendation are suggested: One (1) letter from the applicant's school counselor, one (1) letter from a local, state, or national elected or appointed official, and/or one (1) letter from a school official, community leader, etc. who can speak to the applicant's volunteer experience.

Statement of Activities

A statement is required describing the applicant's school, political, and/or community-based volunteer activities. Statements should detail the activity, reason for participation, and the length of time of participation. Statements should be typed be at least one paragraph long. This section may also include any newspaper clippings, programs, photos, etc. that document the applicant's activities (these materials will not be returned).

Personal Essay

All applicants must write a personal essay answering the following questions: Who are you? What is your goal? How do you intend to get there? Does the state of Michigan fit into your post-graduate plans? If so, how? If not, why? The essay must be typed and double-spaced and should not exceed 500 words. Points will be deducted for essays that are more than 500 words. This section may also include any newspaper clippings, programs, photos, etc. that document special talents or awards (these materials will not be returned).

Submission Checklist

1. Completed scholarship application form with three (3) listed references ☐
2. GPA certification form signed by school counselor ☐
3. Copy of applicant's transcript ☐
4. Statement of Activities ☐
5. Letters of Recommendation ☐
6. Personal Essay ☐



MBC-LEO Scholarship Application

Personal Information

Applicant Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Academic Information

High School Name: _____ GPA: _____

College Name: _____

Area of Study: _____ Collegiate GPA (if applicable): _____

References

Reference One Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Reference Two Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Reference Three Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

(Initials) _____ I understand that my name and information from my academic history may be released to the MBC-LEO Scholarship Committee. If awarded a scholarship, I release to MBC-LEO the right to arrange a meeting with the Scholarship Committee and the right to use my name, story, and photo for the purpose of printed and media materials, press releases, etc. without compensation.

I certify that the statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge and grant permission for the information contained herein to be shared with the MBC-LEO Scholarship Committee.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit all application materials by mail in one complete packet to the address listed here:

MBC-LEO Scholarship Committee
1675 Green Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48105



MBC-LEO Scholarship Award GPA Certification Form

(To be filled out by a school counselor)

To the Counselor:

Please complete this form and return it to the student/applicant so that their application can be completed. The Michigan Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Scholarship Committee thanks you for your cooperation.

This is to certify that (name of student) _____
has earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of _____ out of a possible _____ points.

An "A" is worth _____ points in the grading system used in this school.

Counselor's Name (printed): _____

Title: _____ **School:** _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____