



Student Debt Scholarship

Application Details

Purpose: To provide a \$3,000 scholarship towards the payment of the student loan debt of the recipient thereby supporting their ability to stay in the Mt. Washington Valley.

- Deadline for the scholarship application is Friday May 11, 2018. The screening committee reserves the right to request in-person interviews
- Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements
- Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed
- If you have any questions about the application, please email staymwv@gmail.com

Note: Scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the loan company.

The recipient will provide the address and account number of the lessee with a letter of authorization that the payment arriving from MWVPA has been accepted by the recipient toward their balance and a recalculation of the payment and interest is desired showing the effect of this lump sum payment upon the loan.

Scholarship Applicant Criteria

- Applicant must be working in the Mt. Washington Valley (NH/ME).
- Applicant must show a proven record of academic success and community service.
- Applicant must show proof of responsible borrowing and must be in good standing with the company holding the loan.
- The recipient will participate in Leadership MWV 2019 if they have not already a graduate from the class. A scholarship will be provided for this purpose.
- The recipient will assist the fundraising efforts of STAY MWV for the next year of student debt scholarship.
- Please note that this scholarship cannot be awarded to anyone affiliated or related to MWV Chamber of Commerce, MWV Preservation Association, or STAY MWV.

STAY MWV Student Debt Scholarship Application

First & Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please answer the following questions in typed form on a separate sheet of paper. Use additional paper as necessary and limit each response to no more than 300 words each.

- What are your professional goals and objectives?
- How will this scholarship help you achieve those goals?
- Why have you chosen to live and work in the Mt. Washington Valley?
- List your extracurricular, community and volunteer activities, and share why you have decided to dedicate your time as such.
- What are the positive and negative aspects of making a life in Mt. Washington Valley, NH/ME?
- How will you continue to add to the positive and improve upon the negative as indicated above?

Application Process

1. Complete Application Form
2. Letter of Application addressed to the Screening Committee. The letter should contain enough information to assist the committee in evaluating your character, capacity to be a good citizen in your community, attitude toward debt/philanthropy, and personal hopes for the future.
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. A current resume
5. Transcripts for all secondary coursework completed
6. Proof of loan balance such as most recent statement
7. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's Mount Washington Valley job supervisor. If self-employed, provide a letter of recommendation from a MWV resident or business familiar with your work. This letter should address your work ethic and express support for the applicant's participation in the 2019 Leadership MWV program (if you are not already a graduate of the program).

Additional Scholarships & Grant

In addition to STAY MWV, there are a number of other respected organizations in the Mt Washington Valley that support the young professionals of the area by offering additional debt relief scholarships. Below is information regarding these additional scholarships. Please indicate your interest in the scholarships by checking the designated box and including any additional application items as requested.

Granite State College Scholarship: Certificate for 3 Credit Course

The Mission of Granite State College is to expand access to public higher education to adults of all ages throughout the state of New Hampshire and beyond.

Check this Box IF:

- You are currently enrolled in, or plan to be enrolled in during the coming academic year (2018-2019), courses at Granite State College, AND
- Would like to be considered for an additional scholarship for coursework at GSC.*

*If presently enrolled, you must include proof of enrollment with your application, ie. enrollment certificate.

**If not yet enrolled, you will need to provide an enrollment certificate prior to the funds being disbursed.

North Conway Rotary Club Scholarship: \$1,000

The North Conway Rotary Club is a Mt. Washington Valley Service Club serving our community with international efforts in health and education.

Check this box IF:

- You would like to be considered for an additional scholarship from the North Conway Rotary Club. If so, you must submit an additional essay describing how you exemplify the Rotary Club values of "Service Above Self". The essay should address your previous involvement in, and passion for, community service.

Mountain Garden Club Student Loan Assistance Grant: \$1,000

This grant is for a graduate of a post-secondary education program employed in the Mount Washington Valley in the areas of: agriculture, environmental science, environmental conservation, horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, botany, forestry, habitat or forest systems ecology, land management and/or other related allied subjects. The recipient of the \$3,000 STAY MWV Scholarship is not eligible to receive the MGC Student Loan Assistance Grant in the same year as the STAY MWV Scholarship. All applications will be submitted to the MGC Scholarship Committee for review and final decision.

Check this box IF:

- You fulfill the description above and would like to be considered for the Mountain Garden Club Student Loan Assistance Grant.

Conway Area Lions Club Student Loan Assistance Grant: \$1,000

This grant is for a graduate of a post-secondary education program employed in the Mount Washington Valley in the medical/health care field, with special consideration given to those employed in vision or hearing care. The recipient of the \$3,000 STAY MWV Scholarship is not eligible to receive the CALC Student Loan Assistance Grant in the same year as the STAY MWV Scholarship.

Check this box IF:

- You fulfill the description above and would like to be considered for the Conway Area Lions Club Student Loan Assistance Grant.

Kiwanis Club Student Loan Assistance Grant: Up to \$3,000

The mission of the Kiwanis Club of the Mountain Washington Valley is to make our community a better place in which to live by engaging adult and youth volunteers to support community service projects with an emphasis on the needs of our children.

☐ Check this box IF:

- You hold a valid teaching certification and are employed as an educator in SAU 9 or MSAD 72
- You wish to be considered for the Kiwanis Club Student Loan Assistance Grant.

Statement of Accuracy

I hereby affirm that all of the above stated information and that contained in the additional pages provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Inclusion Statement

STAY MWV, MWVCC, and/or MWVPA does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, national or ethnic origin in administration of its programs, educational policies, admission policies or scholarship programs.

Please mail your application to:

STAY MWV
Student Loan Repayment Scholarship
% Mount Washington Valley Preservation Association
PO Box 2300, North Conway, NH 03860

Application must be postmarked no later than the deadline of Friday, May 11th, 2018