



Student Debt Scholarship



Application Details

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

- Deadline for the scholarship application is Friday May 19, 2017. The screening committee reserves the right to request an in-person interview.
- 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 leadership@mtwashingtonvalley.org

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.

The Leadership class has every intention of raising \$3,000 for this program but reserves the right to give a lesser amount if fundraising activities do not provide for this sum.

Scholarship Applicant Criteria

- Applicant must be working in 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 loan must be in the student's name only.
- The recipient will participate in Leadership MWV 2017. A scholarship will be provided for this purpose. The schedule from the Leadership MWV class of 2017 is attached for review.
- The recipient will assist the fundraising efforts of the Leadership Class of 2018.
- Please note that this scholarship cannot be awarded to anyone affiliated or related to MWV Chamber of Commerce, MWV Preservation Association or participants in the Leadership 2017 class.

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?
- Why have you chosen to live and work in Mt. Washington Valley?
- List your extracurricular, community and volunteer activities, and why it is important to you to dedicate your time as such.
- How will this scholarship help you?
- 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. Complete written portion of the application
3. Two character references in the form of a letter of recommendation
4. Provide a current resume
5. Provide transcripts for all secondary, technical/trade, college and/or postgraduate education completed.
6. Proof of loan balance such as most recent statement
7. 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.
8. Letter of support from supervisor for the applicant's participation in the program.

Please note that scoring of the application may take into consideration: ability to follow directions as evidenced by your application packet, amount of student debt, and content of your answers to the questions.

Additional Scholarships & Grant

In addition to STAY MWV, there are a number of other respected organizations in Mt. Washington Valley that have decided to 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 (2017-2018), 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 Mt. 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 \$3000 Stay NH Scholarship is not eligible to apply and receive the MGC Student Loan Assistance Grant. All applications should 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. *

*If yes, please submit, in addition to previously stated materials, a letter of reference from the applicant's Mt.

Washington Valley job supervisor (if self-employed, provide a letter of recommendation from a Mt. Washington Valley resident or business familiar with your work).

Kiwanis Club Student Loan Assistance Grant: \$1,000

The mission of the Kiwanis Club of Mt. 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

Leadership MWV, MWV Chamber of Commerce, 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:

Leadership 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 19th, 2017



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Kiwanis Club of Mount Washington Valley Hal Kenney Scholarship Fund Application for Student Loan Assistance Grant

This scholarship fund was named in memory of Harold "Hal" Kenney who was an active Kiwanis member. He was a life-long educator who believed strongly in the profession as well as community service. Scholarships and grants given from this fund are to be given to applicants that best demonstrate a commitment to community service and the field of education.

In collaboration with MWV Preservation Association and Leadership MWV, the Kiwanis Club of Mount Washington Valley is pleased to offer a one-time student loan assistance grant. The grant application is open to any graduate of a post-secondary degree or certificate program employed as an educator in the Mount Washington Valley. The Mount Washington Valley includes New Hampshire and Maine towns served by Kennett High School and Fryeburg Academy (SAU 9, SAU 13, and MSAD 72).

MWV Preservation Association and Leadership MWV will administer the application process. The scholarship committee of the Kiwanis Club will review all application materials for recommended candidates and make the final decision on the recipient of the grant.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDENT LOAN ASSISTANCE GRANT:

The purpose of the Kiwanis Club grant is to help offset student debt and to encourage young adults to live and work in the field of education in the Mount Washington Valley. The grant is for an educator employed in the Mount Washington Valley.

TERMS UNDER WHICH THE GRANT IS AWARDED:

- Applications for the Kiwanis Club student loan assistance grant become valid only when the MWV Preservation Association and Leadership MWV have received a completed application packet as listed in Application Details.
- Applicants must provide proof of loan balance including account number of the lessee, the most recent balance, and a mailing address for direct payment to the lending institution.
- Applicants must include a copy of a valid teaching certificate and proof that they are employed by a school district in the Mount Washington Valley.
- Application deadline is May 5, 2017. Applications are available from the MWV Chamber of Commerce and the MWV Preservation Association, Attn: Leadership MWV.
- Questions pertaining to the Kiwanis Club of Mount Washington Valley Student Loan Assistance Grant should be directed to Scholarship Committee Chair Allen Gould (allen.gould@td.com).

QUALIFICATION FOR GRANT PAYOUT:

- Applicant must be employed by a school district in the Mount Washington Valley.
- Applicant must hold a valid teaching certificate.
- Applicant must show proof of responsible borrowing and must be in good standing with the company holding their student loan.
- Grant funds will be disbursed directly to the loan company.
- The Kiwanis Club of Mount Washington Valley reserves the right to make no award if no candidate meets its requirements and the grant amount will remain in the Hal Kenney Scholarship Fund.