



Student Debt Assistance

STAY MWV's mission is to attract and retain a vibrant and engaged young professional presence in the Mt Washington Valley. By providing student debt assistance to our region's young professionals, we hope to break down the financial barriers faced by young professionals wanting to place permanent roots down in the MWV.

Application Details

- The STAY MWV Student Debt Assistance will provide up to \$3,000 in student loan repayment to selected applicants.
- Deadline to submit the assistance application is Friday May 10, 2019.
- The screening committee reserves the right to request in-person interviews in the weeks between May 10th and May 31st.
- 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.

Please note: Assistance funds will be disbursed directly to the loan company. *The recipient will work directly with STAY MWV to facilitate this process by providing the address of the student loan management company and the account number to which the funds should be dispersed. Any assistance dollars awarded are considered income. Therefore, the recipient will receive a 1099 before the end of January 2020. Granite State or White Mountain Community College Scholarships are not taxable.*

Assistance 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 of STAY MWV's assistance will make every effort to participate in Leadership MWV 2020 if they have not already graduated from the program. A scholarship will be provided for this purpose. The recipients of our sponsored assistance programs (Mountain Garden Club, Conway Area Lion's Club, etc) are strongly encouraged to participate in Leadership MWV 2020 as a way to further engage in our community.
- The recipients of all student debt assistance (regardless of their sponsorship) will assist the fundraising efforts of STAY MWV for the next year of student debt assistance awards.
- Please note that the STAY MWV assistance award cannot be awarded to anyone employed by or related to the MWV Chamber of Commerce, MWV Preservation Association, or STAY MWV or those who are in the 2019 Leadership MWV Class. This is not applicable to sponsored assistance programs as any assistance awarded by STAY MWV's partners are subject to criteria determined by their own assistance award committees and may or may not be subject to the rules above.

STAY MWV Student Debt Assistance Application

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Social Security # _____

Please answer the following questions in typed or neatly printed form on a separate sheet of paper and limit each response to no more than 300 words.

- Why have you chosen to live and work in the Mt. Washington Valley?
- What are some of the positive and negative aspects you have found to making a life in Mt. Washington Valley?
- How can we, as young people, best affect positive change here in the MWV?
- What are your professional goals and objectives?
- How will this assistance help you achieve those goals?

Application Process

In addition to a completed application, please also submit the following:

1. Cover Letter addressed to the Assistance Committee.

Tell us about yourself! Who are you and why have you committed to the MWV as your home? The letter should contain enough information to assist the Committee in evaluating your character. For example, you can speak to your capacity to be a good citizen in your community, attitude toward debt/philanthropy, and/or general outlook on life in our region. If applicable, you could list your extracurricular, community, and volunteer activities and share why you have decided to dedicate your time as such. This is your chance to let us know who you are and why you want to be here.

2. A current resume,
3. Proof of loan balance such as most recent statement,
4. Two professional letters of recommendation one of which should be 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 2020 Leadership MWV program if you are seeking consideration for the Stay MWV Assistance Award (if you are not already a graduate of the program).

Additional Assistance and Scholarships

Several other respected organizations in the Mt. Washington Valley have recognized the need to support young professionals in our region. To this end, they have allocated a portion of their scholarship dollars to go towards the student debt assistance award. Below is information regarding these scholarships and assistance awards. Please indicate your interest in the scholarships or assistance awards by checking the designated box and including any additional application items as requested.

Granite State College Scholarship: Certificate for 3 Credit Course

White Mountain Community College Scholarship: Certificate for 3 Credit Course (2) are available

Check one of these boxes IF:

- You are currently enrolled in, or plan to be enrolled in during the coming academic year (2019-2020), courses at Granite State College OR White Mountain Community College
- Would like to be considered for an additional scholarship for coursework at GSC or WMCC.*

*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 Assistance Award: \$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 Assistance Award: \$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 Assistance Award is not eligible to receive the MGC Student Loan Assistance Award in the same year as the STAY MWV Assistance Award. 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 Lion's Club Assistance Award: \$1,000

This award 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 Assistance is not eligible to receive the CALC Student Loan Assistance Award in the same year as the STAY MWV Assistance Award. All applications will be submitted to the CALC Assistance Committee for review and final decision.

Check this box IF:

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

Kiwanis Club Assistance Award: 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 the MWV area SAU 9, MSAD 72 or a private educational institution.
- You wish to be considered for the Kiwanis Club Student Loan Assistance Grant.

Statement of Accuracy

I confirm that all of the information contained within the application 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 assistance and/or scholarship programs.

Please mail your application to:

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

Application must be postmarked no later than the deadline of Friday, May 10th, 2019