

**THE MCNEIL SCHOLAR PROGRAM-DETROIT
FIRST TIME APPLICANT
APPLICATION GUIDELINES
2025-2026**



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First Time Applicants

The McNeil Scholar Program-Detroit Selection Committee encourages each applicant to review the eligibility/selection criteria and the application instructions prior to completing their application. Applicants are also encouraged to complete and submit their application as early as possible. Early submission allows the applicant time to correct any errors and resubmit their application prior to the deadline date.

First Time Applicants must include their official **FAFSA** Submission Summary and Student Aid Index (**SAI**) with their application. **Applicants should be certain to submit the actual** Submission Summary. **Mere confirmation that the federal government has received your FAFSA is not acceptable.**

A copy of your official **ACT® Plus Writing** Student Report or your official **SAT** Score Report should be included with your application. The **Selection Committee does not** accept **ACT** or **SAT** test scores on your high school transcript.

Recommendations and transcripts should be mailed to the **Selection Committee** separate from your application; **recommendations and transcripts should not be mailed with your application.** School personnel should mail your official high school transcript and the individuals writing them should mail your recommendations. **The Committee does not** accept application documents that are electronically transmitted.

Each applicant should ensure that they have completed every item on the application as instructed. For example, if the applicant is asked to calculate their Academic GPA (**AGPA**), it should be calculated according to the instructions. An applicant should not respond to this item with "see transcript" or "not enough room"; these are inappropriate and unacceptable responses. A completed application is neat, sequential and free of errors. If the application contains copies of original forms such as test scores or the **FAFSA** Submission Summary, the applicant should ensure that all copied information is complete and easy to read.

The **Selection Committee** recommends that each applicant consult with their parents, high school counselor and/or other support staff when completing their application. **The Committee** also recommends that each applicant keep a copy of their completed application for their personal files.

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After receiving your application, the **Selection Committee** will update you on the status via mail and/or email. Make sure that all information is postmarked by the April 15 deadline date. Incomplete, inaccurate or late applications will not be processed.

All application information and forms are available online at www.rmcfoundation.org. Applicants requiring additional information should contact **The Ronald D. & Regina C. McNeil Foundation, Inc.** at scholars@rmcfoundation.org.