



MICHIGAN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS INSTITUTE

Advancing Dietetics in Michigan through Scholarships

Application Instructions

IMPORTANT!

Only applications that are complete and meet the application requirements will be considered.

The MNDI Application is now online.

- **Application:** Complete the online application starting January 15, 2024, at <https://eatrightmich.org/students/mndi-scholarships>
- You will need the following information to complete the online application, so please have this ready before beginning your application:
 - Contact information including Academy Member number.
 - List of colleges attending/attended including name, location, major, GPA, degree, and degree date.
 - List of paid work experience including title, employer, location, start/end dates, and estimated total hours worked.
 - List of unpaid volunteer experience including title, organization, location, start/end dates, and estimated hours volunteered.
 - Community or college leadership activities including title/position, organization, and responsibilities.
 - Activities, honors, or awards received including organization and date.
 - Research activities and where completed.
 - Personal and Professional Statement: **This should be written and saved as a PDF, which you will upload to the application.**
 - In less than 500 words, describe your personal and professional goals as they relate to the nutrition and dietetics profession and describe leadership or other experiences that have shaped your goals and demonstrate your ability to succeed in the profession. If you would like to be considered for one of the scholarships with additional criteria, please include information about how you meet the criteria.

In addition to the online application, please submit the following via email to MNDIscholarship@gmail.com:

- **Reference letters from two sources. At least one letter must be from an academic reference.** References can include a dietetics advisor, instructor, program director, manager, employer, or volunteer coordinator. They should not be from friends or relatives.

References should be emailed directly from the person writing the reference, and the referent should include the following in the subject line: **“Student last name-student first name-MNDI-reference”**

Ex: Smith-Katie-MNDI-reference. References should include:

- The referent’s relationship to the applicant
- How long the referent has known the applicant
- The referent’s signature
- A narrative discussion of the applicant describing the following:
 1. **Professional Commitment:** Describe the applicant’s qualities/experiences that demonstrate commitment or pursuit of a career in the dietetic profession.
 2. **Leadership Potential:** Describe the applicant’s qualities that demonstrate ability to function effectively as a leader or as a team member in cooperative projects. If possible, provide examples.
 3. **Problem Solving Skills:** Describe the applicant’s qualities that demonstrate originality and/or ingenuity. If possible, provide examples.
- **Official transcripts. Submit official transcripts from college(s) where the applicant has completed nutrition and dietetics-related coursework, including the applicant’s current institution. Electronic Official transcripts emailed directly from your institution are requested.** If your institution does not use this method, send an email to the address below and request a physical address for the transcript to be mailed from the institution.

Reference letters and official transcripts should be emailed to
MNDIscholarship@gmail.com

Questions can also be emailed to the address above with “*MNDI Question*” as the subject.

Applications must be received by **11:59 p.m. on March 2, 2024**

The scholarship recipients are determined by the MNDI Trustees using designated criteria. Applications are evaluated on professional writing and formatting skills as well as the ability to communicate concisely and with clarity.

Applicants meeting one or more of the scholarship qualifications are in no way guaranteed a scholarship.

Scholarships Available in 2024

We are excited to announce that seven (7) scholarships will be available for 2024. The first six (6) will be \$1,500 each, and the Dietitians of West Michigan Scholarship will be \$700.00.

- **Michigan Nutrition and Dietetic Institute Scholarships (2)**
- **Bernice E. Hagelshaw Scholarship**
- **Michigan Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Scholarship**
- **Vera Thompson Scholarship:** In addition to the criteria below, this scholarship will be awarded to a student or intern who identifies as Black or African American. This scholarship is supported by MiAND.

- **Delphine Rutkowski Memorial Scholarship:** In addition to the criteria below, applicants for this award must have demonstrated leadership in a student dietetic association. This scholarship is also available to CURRENT Dietetic Interns in an ACEND accredited program in Michigan (you MUST be enrolled in your internship at the time of application deadline).
- **Dietitians of West Michigan Scholarship:** In addition to the criteria below, applicants for this award must meet the following criteria:
 1. Must be from the Southwest Michigan area (Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Ingham, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren counties)
 2. Plan to practice as a Registered Dietitian in the Southwest Michigan area (Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Ingham, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren counties)
 3. Self-select for this scholarship. Be sure to check the box on the application form.

Scholarship Eligibility

Students who wish to apply must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

- Participant in one of the following programs in Michigan:
 - Currently enrolled in an Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD)
 - Currently enrolled in an ACEND-accredited Coordinated Program in Dietetics (CP)
 - Currently enrolled or accepted into an ACEND accredited Dietetic Internship (DI)
 - A current Registered Dietitian enrolled in a graduate program
- Show evidence of scholastic achievement throughout college
- Demonstrate leadership in college and community activities
- Have as a goal to become an active member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and Michigan Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, as well as a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist
- Not have previously been awarded a scholarship
- Be at least a junior-level student