



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.

Please submit the following via email to MNDIscholarship@gmail.com:

- **Application form.** Download and complete the fillable PDF from the website and save it with the following title: “Last name-first name-MNDI-application” Ex: Smith-Katie-MNDI-application
- **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.

Completed applications, reference letters, and official transcripts should be emailed to
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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 April 21, 2023.**

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 2023

We are excited to announce that ten (10) scholarships will be available for 2023. The first eight (8) will be for \$1,500 each, our newest one, Southwest Michigan District Dietetic Association Scholarship will be for \$700.00; and Dietitians of West Michigan Scholarship will be for \$500.00.

- **Michigan Nutrition and Dietetic Institute Scholarships (2)**
- **Michigan Academy Past President Scholarship**
- **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.
- **Betty Krauss Memorial Scholarship:** In addition to the criteria below, applicants for this scholarship must meet two out of the following three criteria.
 1. Have been a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for a year
 2. Have worked with underprivileged individuals or communities
 3. Demonstrated leadership in a student dietetic association
- **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).
- **Southwest Michigan District Dietetic Association 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.
- **Dietitians of West Michigan Scholarship:** This scholarship is established by the Dietitians of West Michigan (DWM) Board to support nutrition and dietetic interns or dietetic students who plan to practice in the West Michigan area. Preference will be given to dietetic interns or graduate students

who are completing or have completed their dietetic internship. In addition to the criteria below, applicants for this award must meet the following criteria:

1. Have a goal to be an active member of the Dietitians of West Michigan and will consider joining the board in the future
2. Plan to practice as a Registered Dietitian in the West Michigan area (Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newago, Oceana, Osceola, and Ottawa counties)
3. Self-select for this scholarship. Be sure to check the box on the application form.

Scholarship Eligibility

Students that 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