



Port Huron Housing Commission

2026 Lee M. Sheldon Memorial Educational Scholarship, Housing Matters Inc., **Housing Choice Voucher** Scholarship Program Eligibility and Application Requirements

Scholarship Awards

One award of up to \$500.00 is made annually (eligible for \$500 per year for up to four years). The scholarship program is funded through private donations and is subject to the availability of funding.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must have been a participant of the housing choice voucher program through the Port Huron Housing Commission for the past 12 months.
- Applicant must be sponsored by a PHHC employee who will confirm that the applicant's household is in good standing with PHHC in accordance with the Section 8 Admin. Plan.
- Open to graduating high school seniors, current college, and adult participants seeking to begin or return to college. Graduating high school seniors will receive priority status.
- Applicants who are graduating high school seniors and those currently attending college must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5
- Applicants seeking to return to college must provide an official high school or college transcript which demonstrates that the applicant is a high school graduate and has a cumulative high school or college GPA of at least 2.5
- Must attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student (12 hours per semester)
- Scholarship winners are eligible to renew the scholarship annually for up to 4 years. Continuing requirements of the scholarship are:
 - Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5.
 - Must maintain full-time enrollment.

Application Requirements: All Applicants Must Submit the Following Application Materials:

- Completed Housing Matters Inc. Resident Scholarship Application Form.
- Letter of recommendation from a PHHC employee (your Housing Manager, Section 8 Coordinator, Resident Services Specialist or other PHHC staff member) that shows your household is in good standing with the Housing Commission.
- Short essay (approximately 300 – 500 words) on the topic "My career goals and how the educational program I am pursuing will help me reach these goals."

Additional Eligibility Requirements by applicant status:

- **Graduating High School Seniors:**
 - Official high school transcript that shows high school completion and minimum GPA of 2.5.
 - Letter of recommendation from a teacher or administrator at the applicant's high school.
 - Letter of acceptance from an accredited community college, college, or university
- **Current College School Student:**
 - Letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor at applicant's college/school.
 - Official college/school transcript that shows:
 - A cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
 - Maintained full-time enrollment during the term preceding application.
 - Enrolled full-time for the upcoming fall term.
- **Adult Seeking to Begin or Return to College:**
 - Official high school or college transcript which demonstrates that the applicant is a high school graduate and had a cumulative high school or college GPA of at least 2.5
 - Letter of acceptance from an accredited community college, college, or university
 - Proof of full-time enrollment for the upcoming fall term.

All Scholarship application materials must be received by the PHHC by the application deadline.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 5 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

Application Evaluation

Port Huron Housing Commission staff will conduct an initial screening of applications and make recommendations based on the program requirements outlined above. The Housing Commission governing board will review applications from qualified applicants and confirm all Scholarship winners.



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Housing Matters Inc., Resident Scholarship 2026 Application Form

Applicant's name _____ Phone no. _____

Street address _____

City _____ State: Michigan Zip _____

Length of time at current address ____ Years ____ Months Email address _____

I. Materials Required of All Applicants:

Each applicant must submit a letter from a Port Huron Housing Commission (PHHC) employee stating that the applicant's household is in good standing with the PHHC and that the applicant is eligible to participate in the Scholarship program. If this is not attached, it must be submitted by the application deadline of THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026. The letter should include the scholarship applicant's name and the head of household's name.

PHHC Employee's name _____ Position _____

Each applicant must also submit:

- Completed Housing Matters Inc., Resident Scholarship Application Form.
- A short essay (approximately 300-500 words) on the topic "My career goals and how the educational program I am pursuing will help me reach these goals." Please type your name at the top of the essay.

II. Submission Requirements Based on Applicant Status—Check one applicant status category, then answer the questions for that category and submit the required materials listed:

I am a graduating high school senior. COMPLETE SECTION BELOW AND SEE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT APPLICATION MATERIALS.

High school attended _____ Graduated? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, graduation date _____

High school address _____

High School GPA _____ (or letter grade equivalent) This is my Cumulative GPA through winter semester _____ Final GPA _____

College, university or vocational school you plan to attend _____

Have you been accepted? Yes _____ No _____ (SUBMIT LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE)

Anticipated major _____

Number of credit hours you will take per semester _____ Will you be a full-time student? ___ Yes ___ No

PLEASE SUBMIT THESE ADDITIONAL REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Submit official high school transcript that shows high school completion and minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Submit letter of recommendation from a teacher or administrator at your high school.

Teacher's or administrator's name _____ Position at school _____

- Submit letter of acceptance from an accredited community college, college or university.

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I currently attend college or community college. COMPLETE SECTION BELOW AND SEE ADDITIONAL REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS.

I am currently an: _____ undergraduate student _____ graduate student

College or vocational school attending _____

College or vocational school cumulative GPA _____

PLEASE SUBMIT THESE ADDITIONAL REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Submit an official college/school transcript that shows:
 - A cumulative GPA of at least 2.5.
 - You maintained full-time enrollment during the term preceding application for this scholarship.
 - You are enrolled full-time for the upcoming fall term.
- Submit a letter of recommendation from an instructor, professor or counselor at your college or vocational school.

Instructor's or counselor's name _____ Position at school _____

I am an adult seeking to begin or return to college or vocational school. COMPLETE SECTION BELOW AND SEE ADDITIONAL REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS.

I will return to school as an: _____ undergraduate student _____ graduate student

High school attended _____ Graduated? ___ Yes ___ No If yes, graduation date _____

High school address _____

High School GPA _____ (cumulative GPA)

If you did not graduate from high school, do you have your GED? ___ Yes ___ No (IF YES, SUBMIT GED TRANSCRIPT)

If you have attended a community college, college or university in the past, please indicate school name below:

_____ Cumulative College GPA _____ (or letter grade equivalent)

College, Community College or university you plan to attend _____

Have you been accepted? Yes _____ No _____ (SUBMIT LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE)

Anticipated major _____

Number of credit hours you will take per semester _____ Will you be a full-time student? ___ Yes ___ No

PLEASE SUBMIT THESE ADDITIONAL REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS:

- Submit an official high school or college transcript which demonstrates that you are a high school graduate and that you had a cumulative high school or college GPA of at least 2.5. If you did not graduate from high school but have received your GED, be sure to submit your GED transcript.
- Submit a letter of acceptance from an accredited community college, college or university.
- Submit proof of full-time enrollment for the upcoming fall term.

Mail your completed application form and materials to:

**Port Huron Housing Commission
Housing Matters Inc., Resident Scholarship Program
905 7th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060**

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 P.M.
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026**