

Monroe 2-Orleans Educational Foundation
2021 *Make All the Difference Scholarships and Awards*
www.MakeAlltheDifference.org
Submission deadline: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 by 3pm

Make All the Difference Scholarships and Awards recognize students for whom alternative education has made all the difference, and provide financial support to cover expenses related to education, career training or apprenticeships after high school.

INFORMATION: About Make All the Difference Scholarships and Awards

The Two Categories: the Scholarships and the Awards

- Scholarships – for eligible expenses up to \$5,000 to attend college or career/technical school
- Awards – for eligible expenses up to \$500 for apprenticeships, or other career training

Who is Eligible to Apply

Students who meet all of the following conditions are eligible to apply:

- Student is enrolled in at least one of the following eligible programs through Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES or one of its component districts (Brockport, Churchville-Chili, Gates Chili, Greece, Hilton, Holley, Kendall, Spencerport, Wheatland-Chili):
 - a) career and technical education of one full year or longer (other than New Visions)
 - b) TASC (high school equivalency)
 - c) special education with an IEP
 - d) other alternative programs of at least one year such as Westside Academy or similar district-based programs

Note: New Visions alone is NOT an eligible program; a 504 alone is NOT an eligible program.
- Student will successfully complete high school in the current school year
- Student will continue education or career training after high school

Eligible Expenses for Post-Secondary Education, Career Training and Apprenticeships

- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Books, supplies, equipment, tools, specialized services
- Expenses not mentioned above require approval in advance of reimbursement

Criteria Used to Choose Recipients

Make All the Difference Scholarships and Awards recognize students who:

- Can show that the program that makes them eligible has made a significant difference in their lives and prepared them for their future
- Have experiences and educational outcomes that are indicators of preparedness for future success
- Understand what they need to succeed; act on that self-awareness to develop strategies, and to find and use resources, in high school and in planning for their future
- Have post-high school goals, and a plan for reaching those goals
- Have positive character traits

Tip: Be aware that anytime you apply for something, the people who review your application may try to view your social media accounts.

Timeline

- Applications must be received no later than 3pm on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.
- Scholarship/Award recipients will be notified no later than May 28, 2021.

DIRECTIONS: How to apply

- Go to www.MakeAlltheDifference.org for the Application Form.
- Read this Information and Directions section in its entirety **before** beginning your application.
- Save this Information and Directions section. (Do **not** submit it with your application.)
- Any accommodations you receive in your education may be used in applying for a scholarship or award.
- Questions? Contact Linda Rice (LRice@monroe2boces.org) or Tim Dobberty (tdobberty@monroe2boces.org)
- Carefully compile the THREE parts of your application.

Part 1: The Application Form – available at www.MakeAlltheDifference.org

- Fill out the Application Form electronically, then print it. **HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- Answer all questions. Pay attention to spelling and grammar.
- Present as much specific information and detail as you can to support your qualifications.
- If you need more space for any of your responses, you may type a separate piece of paper . **Be sure your name** is on each additional page.
- After you print your completed Application Form, carefully proofread it.
- Sign your printed Application Form.
- If you are under 18 years of age, make sure your parent/guardian also signs the Application Form.

Part 2: Two letters of support

- Submit two letters of support from adults (other than parent/guardian/family members) including but not limited to counselors, employers, coaches, teachers or aides, clergy, club advisors, etc.
- Choose people who know you best, who can add to what you have told us about yourself, and who can provide details and examples in doing so.
- Letters must include the letter writer's name and their relationship to you.
- The letters should address at least one of the criteria listed in the Information page.
- The most effective letters make statements that are uniquely about you, and are composed specifically for this scholarship/award application.
- We encourage you to make copies of this page to give to the two letter writers, or to tell your letter writers that they can go to www.MakeAllTheDifference.org to see the application materials.

Part 3: Your high school transcript

- Ask your school counselor to provide the most recent transcript of your course work.

- Mail or deliver the THREE parts of your application together (the Application Form, two letters of support and your current high school transcript) on or before **Wednesday, February 24, 2021 by 3pm** to:

Make All the Difference Scholarships/Awards
Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES
3599 Big Ridge Road
Spencerport, NY 14559

- **All materials MUST be received by 3pm on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.**
- If you have any questions about applying for the scholarships or awards please contact Linda Rice (LRice@monroe2boces.org) or Tim Dobberty (tdobberty@monroe2boces.org) as soon as possible.

Thank you for your interest in the Make All the Difference Scholarships and Awards!
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APPLICATION FORM
Submission deadline: Wednesday, February 24, 2021, by 3pm

IMPORTANT: *read the INFORMATION and DIRECTIONS section **BEFORE** filling out this form.*

Applicant's name: _____

Home address: _____ Zip: _____

Date of birth: _____ Home school district: _____

Phone number(s) we can use in case we have questions about your application:

() _____ () _____ () _____

Your email address: _____

1. Check all that apply: I am a student

☐ With a current IEP (Individualized Education Program)

REQUIRED: please specify the type of special education program _____

☐ Enrolled in a career and technical education program (other than New Visions) of one full year or longer

REQUIRED: please specify which program _____

☐ Enrolled in an alternative education program for at least one year

REQUIRED: please specify which program _____

☐ Enrolled in a TASC (high school equivalency) program

**2a. Based on your plans after high school, are you applying for a Scholarship or an Award?
Check one.**

☐ Scholarship, for approved expenses up to \$5,000 to attend college or career/technical school

☐ Award, for approved expenses up to \$500 for an apprenticeship or other career training

2b. What is your intended major or area of study/training after high school?

2c. List where you have applied or intend to apply.

Name of program, school or apprenticeship	Check only if you have already been accepted
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2d. What are your career goals, and your plan for reaching those goals?

Applicant Name:

3a. What resources, accommodations, or support services have you used in high school?

3b. What specific strategies helped you succeed in high school?

4. Give examples of how your character traits, qualities, or actions make a difference for you, or for other people.

Applicant Name: _____

5. List hobbies, clubs, sports, organizations, youth groups, or other activities in which you participate, in or out of school.

6. List any jobs you've had (paid or unpaid) over the last four years.

Applicant Name: _____

7. Applicant's Essay

- On the next page, write an essay of up to 500 words that answers both of the following questions:

How has your eligible program(s) made a significant difference in your life so far?

How has your participation in the eligible program(s) prepared you for your future?

- Refer specifically to the eligible alternative education program(s) you checked in Question 1.
- Write the essay specifically for this scholarship/award application – do not reuse an essay written for another purpose.
- Be sure to answer both questions.
- Make sure the text from your entire essay is visible – if you need to attach a separate type-written page, you may do so. After inserting your essay, ***be sure to continue to the last page.***

Applicant Name: _____

8. Applicant's declarations and signature

Required: check the box and sign below to confirm both statements.

☐ I affirm that everything in my application is true.

I will respond if the Educational Foundation contacts me in connection with this Scholarship/Award.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Applicant)

If student is under 18 as of the date the application is submitted, parent/guardian's signature is required:

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/guardian)

Parent/Guardian name: _____
(If not entering parent/guardian's name electronically, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

REMINDER: This Application Form must be submitted with two letters of support and your current high school transcript, as explained in Information and Directions.

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