

## **Monroe County Democratic Party John D. Dingell Memorial Scholarship**

**The Monroe County Democratic Party (MCDP) has established the following criteria for our TWO (2) John D. Dingell Memorial Scholarships of \$1,000.00 each award. Applicant must be:**

1. A resident of Monroe County
2. An MCDP member **OR** a child, grandchild or dependent of a member of the MCDP or Michigan Democratic Party. Info: <https://act.michigandems.com/a/member-free>
3. A student in good standing with proven academic ability (see \* page 4)
4. A full-time graduating senior of a high school OR currently enrolled in at least six credit hours per semester/term at an accredited institute of higher learning.

Note: Students who have chosen a two-year or four-year college, as well as those who plan to gain specific advanced technical and/or vocational training, are eligible to apply. Equal consideration will be given for college or vocational training.

### **Mission**

**For purposes of this application, the Monroe County Democratic Party's Mission is to:**

1. Provide representation in government and a voice in the public discussion of issues for those generally under-represented, those without powerful and well financed lobbies, those without special access to decision-making, those whose needs are overlooked, those whose opportunities are limited, those whose means for a minimum standard of living are not met, those whose liberty is jeopardized, those whose dignity is not sufficiently protected.
2. Espouse the public interest in decisions made by government; to advocate the rights of the present and future generations to the natural resources of the land.
3. Support the work of the MCDP in raising funds, expanding membership, and working for the election of Democratic candidates.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**Friday – May 1, 2026**

The application & all required attachments can be submitted using 1of 3 options below:

1. U.S. mail to Monroe County Democratic Party, P.O. Box 1537, Monroe, MI 48161

**OR**

2. in person to the MCDP office at 106 W. Front St, Suite #101, Monroe, MI 48161  
Monroe County Democratic Party Office Hours are M & W – 1p to 4p, F – 10a-1p

**OR**

3. completing online application with uploaded required attachments

**Monroe County Democratic Party  
John D. Dingell Memorial Scholarship**  
**STUDENT INFORMATION:** (Please print legibly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Career Choice or Major: \_\_\_\_\_

College/Technical School Choice(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2-year \_\_\_\_\_ 4-year \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities: (examples: sports, clubs, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Community Service: (examples: church, etc.) *Optional:* Election or Democratic Party participation may be listed in this section.

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Work Experience: (if any) or hobbies/special interests \_\_\_\_\_

Where did you hear about this application? (Online, school counselor, friend, etc.)

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Please print legibly OR (if more response space is needed) type your answers to these  
\*questions on a separate paper. (\*questions are **NOT** to be included in 500-word essay).  
See the ESSAY instructions at the top of page 4.

*\*Please explain which community service or school activity meant the most to you and why?*

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*\*How will this award help achieve your educational goals?* \_\_\_\_\_

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Educational Background:

— High School Address Yr.  
Grad.

— College or University Address Yr. Grad.

— College or University Address Yr. Grad.

***Upon selection as the recipient of the MCDP scholarship & verification of college enrollment, this award will be paid directly to the student.***

The name & phone number of Self/Parent/Grandparent/Guardian whose Monroe or Michigan Democratic Party membership is supporting this application.

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I certify that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that the essay is of my own creation. **(not A-I generated)**

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\_\_\_\_ Student Signature (If online, please type full name)

Date

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**ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS**

On a separate sheet(s) of paper in 500 words or less, (typed and double-spaced), please answer the following essay question completely using correct grammar and spelling:



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**WHICH CORE VALUES ARE “MOST IMPORTANT” TO YOUNG VOTERS  
TODAY AND WHY?**

**(Please cite two sources to support your statement)**

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**Before submitting this application, be sure to check the following:**

- The applicant must be a current member or a child, grandchild or dependent of a current member of the Monroe County or Michigan Democratic (Dem) Party. (List member name)  
For more membership information: <https://act.michigandems.com/a/member-free>
- The applicant must be a resident of Monroe County when not away at college.
- An original essay of 500 words or less addressing the essay question listed above must be included with application. Remember to provide the student verification signature on page 3 of the paper application ensuring authenticity of student work.  
**For online application:** follow instructions for signature verification.
- The application packet must be received by mail, online or in person at the address stated in the cover letter by the **deadline date of Friday May 1, 2026.**
- “Official” high school or college transcripts must accompany this application.
- You *may* be called for a personal interview, if needed.
- You are encouraged to submit any other “optional” information that you think would be helpful to the MCDP Scholarship Committee in making their selection  
(Example: a copy of a resume, letter of recommendation, a certification, etc.)

Note: The applications will be reviewed & selected by a panel of the MCDP Scholarship Committee by May 6, 2026. The scholarship winners will be announced on May 7, 2026. Award notification to all applicants will arrive by email no later than May 11, 2026. Additional award recognitions may become available during the application review process.

\*A student in good standing maintains (1) good academic performance, (2) conduct and compliance at their educational institution and (3) active enrollment or eligible for enrollment with no active suspensions or dismissals.