





## DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS

Each award will represent a scholarship grant provided to the selected students. These grants should not be mistaken in any way for student loans. While a high school student may apply for consideration for a grant prior to being accepted at a college or trade/professional school, they must provide documentation in the form of an admissions acceptance letter to the Foundation before the grant will be finalized. The exact number of awards and the total amount of money to be awarded in 2022 will be determined during the selection process, in the sole discretion of the Foundation.

## PAYMENT OF GRANTS

All grants are made payable to the colleges or other post-secondary institutions where the recipients will attend during the 2022-23 school year. As was previously mentioned, the student must provide the Foundation a copy of an admissions acceptance letter to an accredited school. It is the intent of The Michaels Educational Foundation that the full amount of these grants will be applied toward the recipient's school expenses. We suggest that the recipient contact The Michaels Educational Foundation before accepting any scholarship from the Foundation, if there is any doubt about the continuance of other financial aid, especially need-based scholarships.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

There are four essential parts of this application, and all must be received in order for The Michaels Educational Foundation to consider an application.

The deadline for completed applications is **April 14, 2023**. Please mail Parts I, II, III, and IV (listed below) to Dr. Bruce W. Johnson, The Michaels Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 90708, Camden, NJ 08101.

- I. The completed Application Form that contains basic information about the applicant, as well as, the applicant's and parent/guardian statement with signatures.
- II. An official grade transcript that shows the courses you have taken and the grades awarded through the fall semester of the 2022-2023 school year. These transcripts will allow us to evaluate academic performance. College students should request their transcripts no later than March 1, 2023.
- III. Utilize the attached reference form to secure a reference. This reference should come from a person who has first-hand knowledge of your functioning as a student on a regular basis. The Michaels Educational Foundation Scholarship Program assumes that recommendations from teachers, guidance counselors, professors, principals, deans, and/or other school administrators are better indications of a student's future performance in school than personal recommendations. **AS A RESULT, THIS RECOMMENDATION SHOULD COME FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED TYPE INDIVIDUALS. REFERENCES FROM RELATIVES AND PERSONAL REFERENCES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

IV. **Part A - REQUIRED ESSAY:**

**Failure to complete the REQUIRED essay portion of the application will DISQUALIFY your eligibility to receive a scholarship award.**

*We are thinking about your future-show us that you have thought about it too!*

The Michaels Education Foundation is making an investment in YOU. As such, the selection committee would like to gain insight into your story, your motivations and the next steps toward your future.

In an essay of approximately 400 words (typed or neatly printed), please explain specifically:

- ◆ **Your focus:** What will be your major, trade profession or field of study? Why did you choose it?
- ◆ **Your goal:** What will be your objective immediately upon graduation from your program?
- ◆ **Your plan:** What actions will you take to achieve that goal or employment?

**Note:**

Creative alternatives to the essay are also acceptable. Musical and/or dramatic presentations may be provided. This presentation should be five minutes or less in length, preferably submitted on video tape or DVD. Submission of a portfolio or artistic work, not to exceed 10 pieces, is also a suitable alternative to the essay. Please do not submit original art work. Artistic submissions will not be returned. A brief written description including the title(s) of your art work, performance or musical composition must also be provided.

**Part B - CONDITIONAL ESSAY:**

**If you meet the criteria below, this is also a required essay for you.**

*If your transcript reflects any "D" or "F" grades or withdrawals from a class at any time, provide an essay of approximately 400 words (typed or neatly printed) to explain specifically:*

- ◆ What happened?
- ◆ What did you learn from it?
- ◆ What has changed or what will you do differently this time?

## NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

The selection committee will meet during the month of May. All applicants will be notified by June 10, 2022.

## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

- February 3, 2022** Application forms available at all offices of The Michaels.
- March 5, 2022** Suggested deadline for college students to request grade transcripts from their registrars in order to assure that part of the application will be received by the Foundation prior to April 15, 2022.
- April 15, 2022** ***FINAL DEADLINE*** for all parts of the application for a 2022 The Michaels Educational Foundation Grant. Mail the application form, references, essay and grade transcripts to Dr. Bruce W. Johnson, The Michaels Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 90708, Camden, NJ 08101.
- June 10, 2022** All applicants notified of the outcome status of their application.
- June 25, 2022** Acceptance forms must be returned by this date if grant recipients wish to accept the offer of a scholarship. Grants not accepted by this date will be awarded to other applicants.
- August 8, 2022** Scholarship checks, made payable to post-secondary institutions, will be mailed via U.S. mail directly to the post-secondary institution on behalf of the scholarship recipient to help pay for the student's 2022-23 school year costs.

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**THE MICHAELS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**  
**2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**  
*Application Deadline is April 15, 2022*

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Last Name, First Name and Middle Initial)*

Name of Apartment Community  
or Military Base where you reside \_\_\_\_\_

Street or P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 of Social Security #: XXX-XX- \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Head of Household \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Last Name, First Name)*

**EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

School Name where you will be attending \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name of College, University, or Trade School)*

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ FR - Soph - JR - SR - Other in Fall 2022: \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Credits earned as of April 1, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

Minor \_\_\_\_\_ Credits enrolled Fall 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

Certification \_\_\_\_\_ Credits required to complete program \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees currently held (excluding high school) \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are an incoming Freshman and your school requires SAT or ACT scores, you must provide them:*

SAT - Reading & Writing \_\_\_\_\_

SAT - Math \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL AID**

List all scholarships, work study grants, student loans and any other form of financial aid you have or will receive for the 2022-2023 school year as of April 1, 2022:

**2022 FAFSA EFC SCORE**

Source of Funding	Effective Date	GPA or other requirement?	Amount
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**REFERENCE LETTER**

Using the attached form, please provide a reference from a person who has first-hand knowledge of your functioning as a student on a regular basis. References should come from teachers, guidance counselors, principals, deans and other school administrators.

**PERSONAL REFERENCES FROM FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

If you are the child of an employee, do **NOT** complete this application. The Michaels Employees Scholarship Program (MESP) applications will be available March 4, 2022.

**THE MICHAELS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**  
**2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**  
*Application Deadline is April 15, 2022*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Michaels and its affiliates believe in giving back to the communities which it serves. The Foundation is but one manifestation of this philosophy. Just as the Foundation provides scholarships to worthy students as a portion of its commitment to assist the community, the Foundation values community service from students. If you have at any time over the last three years, been of service to the apartment community in which you live, please include relevant information regarding this in your essay. If you have not provided previous service, would you be willing to provide service over the course of the next year to The Michaels community in which you reside.  YES  NO

Know that if you are selected, and have indicated a willingness to serve, the Foundation will try to establish a reasonable commitment for community service for you between June, 2022, and June, 2023.

**APPLICANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT**

We have read the instruction sheet and this application form and wish to apply for a Michaels Educational Foundation Scholarship. We agree to comply with all procedures outlined in the application information and we release to The Michaels Educational Foundation, the applicant's academic records.

**PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFORMATION TO DONORS**

The Michaels Educational Foundation depends on the generosity of donors to fund our scholarship program. Please check here if you would be willing to share your story, your progress, and your successes with one or more of our donors.  YES  NO

**PERMISSION TO RELEASE FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

As parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby release all necessary financial information on file to The Michaels Educational Foundation for the purpose of determining financial need.

**PERMISSION TO PUBLICIZE NAME AND PHOTOGRAPH**

If I am awarded a scholarship, I give my permission to use my name and/or photograph in publicity releases related to The Michaels Educational Foundation.

**PRIVACY POLICY**

I further agree that, if I am selected as a scholarship recipient, any information provided by me to the Foundation in connection with this application may be used by the Foundation in promoting its purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature  
(only required if applicant is under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The Michaels Educational Foundation  
**Scholarship Application**  
 Personal Character Reference Form

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person Providing Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Person Providing Referral: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number of Person Providing Referral: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of person providing referral on behalf of the applicant (Example: Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Professor...) \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the most appropriate response for the applicant you are referring and attach a narrative on your letterhead stationary. Please consider each item shown below independently from the others listed.

	<b>Poor</b>		<b>Good</b>		<b>Outstanding</b>
<b>Dependability</b> .....	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Honesty</b> .....	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Perseverance</b> .....	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Cognitive Aptitude</b> .....	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Conscientiousness</b> .....	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Concern for Others</b> .....	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Leadership</b> .....	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

I attest that the aforementioned reference of \_\_\_\_\_  
 is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am not a blood relative of this applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

Return this form to the applicant for submission prior to **April 15, 2022**, or mail directly to Dr. Bruce W. Johnson, The Michaels Educational Foundation, P.O. Box 90708, Camden, NJ 08101.

Please provide a brief narrative of your thoughts regarding the applicant's personal character. Be sure to mention how you came to know the applicant and how long you have been acquainted with the individual. Other information helpful to the Selection Committee would include your perception of the applicant as a student, your belief in the applicant's ability to successfully pursue a college degree, and any unique characteristics the individual may possess.