



MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF
SCHOOL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATORS

Michigan Association of School Personnel Administrators (MASPA) 2025/2026 MINORITY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

High school seniors who are members of a minority ethnic group and who plan to enter into a program in public education may apply for consideration of this scholarship award. This is a \$2,000 initial award that is paid to your college or university account when proof of enrollment in a college or university is received. Applicants are selected solely on high school academic achievement, a personal essay, and a letter of recommendation.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be from a district that is a current MASPA member
- Must have at least a 2.8 high school cumulative GPA or higher
- Must be admitted to a program in the field of education at a college or university
- Must be a member of one of the federal ethnic classifications listed on the application form
- Application must be completed in full and emailed **no later than May 15, 2026** to be considered

Application Procedure:

Applicants must submit the following:

1. A completed application form
2. Submit a personal essay (see specifics below) which is written by you alone
3. Provide copies of the most recent grade report showing cumulative GPA
4. Submit with the application one letter of recommendation (e.g., teacher, principal, counselor). They may be submitted by using the attached form or in a separate letter of recommendation and emailed to maspaed@gmail.com

Incomplete, late or applications from persons entering other fields of training will not be considered. *Applications are reviewed by the MASPA Board in mid-May with applicants notified shortly thereafter.* The completed packet must be emailed by **May 15, 2026** to: maspaed@gmail.com.

Personal Essay Content:

Your personal essay weighs heavily on the Board's decision. Include in the essay information about yourself and your educational and career goals. Do not however, merely list activities and awards since these can be listed elsewhere on the application. Instead, help the selection committee understand who you are as a student and why you feel you will be a good educator. To accomplish this, it is advised that you write in the first person and communicate your experience and life skills that will make you a fine educator. This is your chance to convince the Board why they should invest in your training and invest in you as a future educator.

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Application Form

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Current High School: _____

Intended College/University: _____

Planned Area of Education to Pursue: _____

Please check the appropriate federal minority ethnic status:

- Black
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Other (specify)

Current Grades and Cumulative GPA _____ (attach most recent grade report)

List major school and/or community activities (Include year(s) for that activity)

List school awards and honors: (include year in which award was earned)

List work and volunteer experiences:

(Feel free to attach additional sheets as needed to report activities, awards, and honors)

Your signature below certifies that the information provided is truthful and accurate and that your personal essay has been written by you alone.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Recommendation Form

Applicant: Please print your name on the space below and provide copies of this recommendation form to the persons who can best speak for your qualifications. **At least one** recommendation must be submitted with your completed application.

_____, is applying for the MASPAs Minority Education Scholarship Program. This program is a scholarship of \$2,000 awarded the first year to a minority student who enrolls in an education program as a full-time student. This applicant has a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher. Please respond on the above applicant based on your knowledge of his/her abilities (communication, leadership skills, etc.) OR YOU MAY WRITE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. If additional pages are needed, please include in Word or PDF format.

Signature of Person submitting a recommendation

Date

Title (teacher, principal, counselor, etc.)

NOTE: The above information will be handled in a confidential manner and will be used solely for the purpose of scholarship selection. It must be submitted as part of the student's application which must be emailed no later than May 15, 2026 to maspaed@gmail.com. Thank you for your assistance.

MASPA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER USE ONLY:

Board Member:

Requirements:

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| 1. Application submitted on time? | Yes | No |
| 2. Personal essay submitted? | Yes | No |
| 3. Letter of Recommendation submitted? | Yes | No |
| 4. Transcript with GPA of 2.8 or higher? | Yes | No |
| 5. Admission to university with education major | Yes | No |
| 6. Active MASPA district? | Yes | No |
| 7. Ethnic class listed on scholarship? | Yes | No |

If any responses are no, **STOP HERE**. The requirements of the scholarship have not been met.

Personal Essay:

(Please rate the following statements on a scale of 1 to 4 where:
1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Agree 4 = Strongly Agree

1. Essay focus is on applicant and career goals

1	3
2	4

2. Activities & accomplishments are woven into the essay

1	3
2	4

3. It is clear why the applicant wants to be an educator

1	3
2	4

4. Applicant communicated their experience and life skills that will make them a fine educator

1	3
2	4

5. Was the essay well-written

1	3
2	4