

About Madison Park Development Corporation

Founded in 1966, Madison Park Development Corporation (MPDC) is one of the nation's first community-based nonprofit organizations that develops affordable housing for low and moderate income residents. MPDC's mission is to foster a vibrant, healthy Roxbury neighborhood that supports the well-being and advancement of the community.



The Ralph D. Smith Community Service Scholarship

The Ralph D. Smith Community Scholarship is named after the first executive director of MPDC. Mr. Smith was a resident of the old Lower Roxbury neighborhood. A baker by trade, Mr. Smith was a leader among the residents and grew up in Lower Roxbury. He led the charge to redevelop and restore the acres of land left vacant by urban renewal. Under his leadership, the core units forming Madison Park Village were created. Upon his death in 1998, Mr. Smith left his entire estate to MPDC to establish a scholarship fund in his name that would help students "who demonstrated community service in the Madison Park Village and Lower Roxbury areas."

The Danette Jones Scholarship Fund

Danette Jones served as the second executive director of MPDC (1988-1998). Under Ms. Jones's leadership, MPDC expanded its housing development, created cultural economic development programs, and launched its human capital campaigns. These initiatives included the establishment of youth and workforce development programs, community organizing efforts, and the expansion of the computer training initiatives.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a resident of the greater Madison Park community as defined by the boundaries of Lower Roxbury which include and are limited to residences in the 02119, 02120, and 02121 zip code areas.
- Enrolled full-time as a high school senior, anticipated to graduate in Spring/Summer of 2017 with plans to enter college no later than the Fall following graduation.
- A strong commitment to pursuing a Bachelor's or Associate's degree
- Present involvement in community service and a strong commitment to continue community service throughout college.

The Haynes Family Scholarship Fund

The Haynes Family Scholarship Fund is named in recognition of a family staple in the Roxbury community for over 50 years. Vincent Haynes, one of the founding members of MPDC, was a community activist at the forefront of Roxbury's resident-led organizing efforts against urban renewal during the 1960s.

Roy Haynes is an internationally-acclaimed musician. Reverend Michael Haynes is pastor of Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury. Haynes House, MPDC's 131-unit apartment building at Madison Park Village, is also named in honor of the family.

Eligibility Requirements

- City of Boston resident
- Current MPDC youth leaders entering an accredited two or four year college or university, vocational training, or certificate program
- Must have GED, Hi-Set, or high school diploma



Deadlines

The deadline for submitting a completed application for the Ralph D. Smith and Danette Jones scholarships is **June 15, 2017**. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed. The Scholarship Committee will send notification to all applicants by **July 14, 2017**. You only have to submit ONE application to receive consideration for the Ralph D. Smith and Danette Jones scholarships. **We review completed applications for the Haynes Family Scholarship on a rolling basis and deadlines are based on applicant's intended program of study.**



Scholarship Awards

The Ralph D. Smith Community Service Scholarship awards up to \$5,000 per year for four years. The Danette Jones Scholarship Fund awards up to \$1,000 on a one-time basis. The Haynes Family Scholarship Fund awards up to \$5,000 for enrollment in a certificate program, up to \$10,000 for enrollment in a vocational training program, and up to \$10,000 for enrollment in a two or four year college program.



Scholarship Duration

The Ralph D. Smith Community Service Scholarship recipients are eligible to receive assistance for the full term of their education at a two or four-year accredited degree-awarding institution provided the student meets all scholarship terms.



2017 Scholarship Application

All completed applications are due on June 16, 2017

Check the scholarship(s) for which you are applying:

- Ralph D. Smith Community Service Scholarship
- Danette Jones Scholarship
- Haynes Family Scholarship Award

I. Personal and Parental Information

1. First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

2. Student's Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

3. Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

4. Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

5. E-mail Address _____

6. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____

7. Gender: Male or Female

8. Place of Birth:

City _____ State _____ Country _____

9. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes _____ No _____

If no:

Applicants are required to be a U. S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. We consider you to be an eligible non-citizen if you are:

- a U. S. permanent resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551);
- a conditional permanent resident (I-551C);
- a holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security showing any of the following designations: 'Refugee', 'Asylum Granted', 'Parolee' (I-94) (confirms paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired); or
- 'Cuban-Haitian Entrant'

10. With whom does the scholarship applicant live? Both parents Mother only Father only Guardian(s)

Other (please specify) _____

11. Name of Mother (or Female Guardian) _____
Last First Middle Initial

11a. Address (if different from student's) _____

11b. Occupation _____

11c. Place of Employment _____

11d. Employment Address _____

11e. Work Telephone _____

11f. Highest Educational Level (*please check one*):
 Less Than High School
 High School Graduate
 College Graduate
 Post Graduate Degree

12. Name of Father (or Male Guardian) _____
Last First Middle Initial

12a. Address (if different from student's) _____

12b. Occupation _____

12c. Place of Employment _____

12d. Employment Address _____

12e. Work Telephone _____

12f. Highest Educational Level (*please check one*):
 Less Than High School
 High School Graduate
 College Graduate
 Post Graduate Degree

13. Language(s) spoken at home (*please list all*):

II. Educational Information

14. Name of High School _____
15. Street Address _____

16. Telephone Number _____
17. Dates of Attendance _____
18. Date of Graduation _____
19. Guidance Counselor _____
20. Principal _____
21. Previous School (if applicable) _____
22. Grade Point Average (on a 4.0 scale) _____
23. SAT Scores:
Verbal _____ Math _____
ACT Score (if applicable) _____
TOEFL Score (if applicable) _____
24. Name of Program Hi-Set (formally GED) received from: _____
Completion Date: _____
25. Do you plan to attend a college or university in the Fall of 2017? Yes No
26. Name of College or University you plan to attend in the Fall of 2017: _____
27. Name of Vocational Institute or Certificate Program you plan to attend in the Fall of 2017 (For Haynes Award applicants only):

28. Date you expect to graduate from college or university: _____ (month/year)
29. Intended Major(s) _____
30. Area of Study (For Haynes Award applicants only): _____
31. Do you feel that your grades in school are a true reflection of your ability? Yes No
- 31a. Please explain your response. If necessary, attach a separate sheet of paper.

32. Do you have a criminal history or record? Yes No

33. Have you ever been suspended or expelled from school? Yes No

33a. If yes, please explain the circumstances (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary).

34. Have you had any disciplinary issues in school? Yes No

34a. If yes, please explain the circumstances (use a separate sheet of paper if necessary).

35. Please describe your community service activities. Attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Organization/Group	Description of Activity	Dates of Involvement	Frequency of Involvement
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36. List academic awards, clubs, and extracurricular activities. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Description of Activity

Dates of Involvement

37. If applicable, list employment history. Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Organization

Job Title & Description of Activity

Dates of Involvement

38. How did you learn about the MPDC Scholarship Program? (Please check all that apply.)

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Counselor | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church | <input type="checkbox"/> High School Administrator | <input type="checkbox"/> MPDC - Youth Workforce Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ | | |

III. Financial Information

39. Have you declared yourself legally independent? Yes No

40. Number of family members in your household (include parents and all dependents) _____

41. Annual household income _____

42. Estimate your total college or university expenses for one year _____

Please include a copy of the Financial Aid Award letter from the college you plan to attend

43. Estimate your vocational training or certificate program expenses for one year (For Haynes Award applicants only):

44. Please list all sources of financial support that will help with your educational expenses

Sources

Amounts

40. Are there any special circumstances affecting your financial status? Please explain.

IV. Essay

You are required to submit one essay. The essay must be typed, double-spaced with one inch margins. The suggested font is Times New Roman and the font size 12. The essay of 500 – 1500 words must be on one of the following topics:

- A. Describe the role that community service has played in your life and in your education.
- B. Write a brief autobiography and describe key incidents in your life that have made you the person that you are.
- C. Discuss your professional and personal goals and the role that community service will play in your future.

For Haynes Award applicants only

- D. What do you expect to gain from your educational experience.
- E. Write a brief autobiography and describe key incidents in your life that have made you the person that you are

Name of Scholarship Applicant _____

Dear Principal, Guidance Counselor, or Teacher:

The student named above has applied to Madison Park Development Corporation Scholarship Program. The scholarships are available to eligible seniors who live in the Roxbury community, who have been involved in community service, and who have been accepted to a college or university for the Fall of 2017. The Ralph D. Smith Community Service Scholarship will provide funding for students' tuition expenses. The Danette Jones Scholarship Fund will provide funds for books and related expenses.

Please give your completed recommendation to the student in a **sealed envelope with your signature across the seal of the envelope** so he or she can submit the letter with the application. All materials are due by 5:00PM on June 16, 2017. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Yvette Jordan

Yvette Jordan
Office Manager

V1. Letter of Recommendation

Current School Official (Principal, Guidance Counselor, or Teacher)

Student: _____

The Scholarship Committee would be grateful for your candid comments about the applicant. This information will be held in strict confidence. Thank you.

Your name _____ Position _____

Signature _____ Date _____

School Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Name of Scholarship Applicant _____

Dear Minister, Civic Leader, or Employer:

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Yvette Jordan

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Office Manager

V₂. Letter of Recommendation

Community Leader (Minister, Civic Leader, or Employer)

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Your name _____ Position _____

Signature _____ Date _____

School Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

VI. Parent Letter

Student: _____

Name of parent/guardian _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____



Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Scholarship Committee requires a statement explaining how college expenses will be met.

VII. Disclosure Statement

Name of applicant _____

- I hereby certify that all of the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I prepared the essay submitted with this application. I understand that the information contained in this application becomes the property of the Madison Park Development Corporation, a not-for-profit corporation.
- We (applicant and parent/guardian) acknowledge that we waive our right to read the confidential recommendations for the applicant listed above.

Name of parent/guardian _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Date _____

Name of applicant _____

Signature of applicant _____

Date _____