

## Deadline

The deadline for submitting a completed application is **June 16, 2023**. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed. The Scholarship Committee will send notifications to all applicants by August 2023.

Application materials must be addressed to and received at the Madison Park Development office by 5:00 PM on June 16, 2023.

## Apply here



## The Scholarship Committee

Madison Park Development Corporation  
184 Dudley Street – Suite 200  
Roxbury, Massachusetts 02119

## Multiple Applications

You only have to submit one application to receive consideration for both of our scholarship programs.

## Scholarship Amount

The Ralph D. Smith Community Service Scholarship awards **up to \$3,500 per year for four years**. The Danette Jones Scholarship awards **up to \$1,000 on a one-time basis**.

## 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 achieves a B grade average.



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## 2023 Scholarship Program

The Ralph D. Smith Community  
Scholarship  
&  
The Danette Jones Scholarship



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post-secondary education.  
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## About MPDC

**Madison Park Development Corporation** is a fifty-seven-year-old not-for-profit organization located in Roxbury, Massachusetts. Madison Park Development Corporation (MPDC) was founded in 1966 by local residents and community activists dedicated to the redevelopment and revitalization of Roxbury, a community devastated by poor urban renewal policies.

With courage and persistence, the group rose like a phoenix from the ashes and garnered the resources needed to rebuild the once thriving community. This led to the formation of the Lower Roxbury Development Corporation; which later formed Madison Park Development Corporation.

**MPDC became one of the nation's first community-based organizations to independently develop affordable housing for low and moderate-income residents.**



## The Ralph D. Smith Community Service Scholarship

The Ralph D. Smith Community Service Scholarship is **named after the first executive director of Madison Park Development Corporation**. Mr. Smith was a resident of the old Lower Roxbury neighborhood. A baker by trade, Mr. Smith was a leader among the residents of the old neighborhood. He **led the charge to redevelop and restore the acres and land left vacant by urban renewal**. Under his leadership, the core units forming the Madison Park Village complex were created. Upon his death in September 1998, Mr. Smith **left his entire estate to MPDC to establish a scholarship fund** in his name that would help students “who have 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, from 1988 to 1998**. Under Ms. Jones's leadership, MPDC expanded its housing development programs, created the cultural economic development collaborative, and launched its human capital campaigns. These initiatives included **the establishment of youth and workforce development programs**, revitalization of community organizing efforts, and the expansion of the computer training initiatives. Among Ms. Jones's many accomplishments is **the successful transformation of the blighted Orchard Park Public Housing Development** to the Orchard Gardens Townhouses.

## Eligibility Requirements

The eligibility criteria to be considered for the Madison Park Development Corporation Scholarship programs are as follows:

- **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;
- **Enrollment full-time as a high school senior**, graduating in Spring/Summer 2023 with plans to enter college after graduation
- A strong **commitment to pursuing a bachelor's or associate's degree**;
- **Involvement in community service** and a strong commitment to continue community service throughout college;

*\*Additional requirements may apply*



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