

Deadline

The deadline for submitting a completed application is **June 21, 2024**. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed. The Scholarship Committee will send notifications to all applicants by August 2024.

Application materials must be addressed and received at the Madison Park Development office by 5:00 PM on June 21, 2024.

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 annually 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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Scholarship
&
The Danette Jones Scholarship



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About MPDC

Madison Park Development Corporation is a fifty-seven-year-old nonprofit organization in Roxbury, Massachusetts. Madison Park Development Corporation (MPDC) was founded in 1966 by residents and community activists dedicated to Roxbury's redevelopment and revitalization, a community devastated by poor urban renewal policies.

The group rose like a phoenix from the ashes with courage and persistence 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 develop affordable housing for low and moderate-income residents independently.



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 cares 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 cultural and economic development collaboration, and launched human capital campaigns. These initiatives included **establishing youth and workforce development programs**, revitalizing community organizing efforts, and expanding computer training initiatives.

Among Ms. Jones's 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 2024 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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