

EMPOWER[®] MY HOOD

2022

Community Scholarship Application

All completed applications and required documents must be postmarked and returned via email to:

Email: info@emhinc.org

Subject line must include Scholarship, Category, and Applicant Name. ex. Scholarship-Health, Jane Doe

Due No Later Than
Friday, April 29, 2022

For additional information, please contact:

info@emhinc.org

Subject line must include Scholarship-Inquiry, and Applicant Name. ex. Scholarship-Inquiry, Jane Doe

EMPOWER MY HOOD, INC.

Empower My Hood Inc. was founded in 2011, Incorporated as a 501c3 Non-Profit organization on November 4, 2019. EMH guides and encourages students in communities of color to make conscious, achievable college and career goals, from navigating the college application process and securing financial aid, to obtaining their college degree and becoming successful in a career field of choice.

EMH Mission & Goals

Empower My Hood Inc. is a catalyst for change, whose mission is to promote educational excellence in communities of color. Our goal is to exceed the national rates of college matriculations for minority students and increase the year-to-year retention and graduation rates.

EMH aims to equip students and families with the educational resources for college and career planning. We strive to empower students to make informed decisions about their social engagement, college education, career goals, and opportunities. To guide our community's college aspiring youth through the college and career planning process, our organization provides a range of services, such as, mental health seminars, college and career planning workshops, coaching and mentorship.

EMH INC. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Candidate must be an 8th grade middle school graduating senior that has received acceptance as an entering High School freshman for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- Candidate must be a 12th grade high school graduating senior that has received acceptance as a College/University Freshman for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- Candidate must be a 12th grade high school graduating senior that has received acceptance into a Vocational Program for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- Candidate must be a United States citizen or permanent US resident, or DACA.
- Candidate must maintain a residence in the borough of Queens but may attend school elsewhere.
- Candidate must have demonstrated academic achievement with a:
 - Middle school minimum cumulative average of 80 (B)
 - High school minimum cumulative average of 80 (B) or a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Candidate must be available to participate in a virtual interview with the Scholarship Committee.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Children of members of Empower My Hood Inc. are not eligible to receive scholarship awards.

Scholarships for Middle-School Seniors (8th grade)

If you are interested in applying to the Middle School scholarships, please note you must meet all criteria for the scholarship selected.

Excellence in Education, Leadership and Community Service

Interested candidates must meet the following additional criteria to be eligible:

- ❖ Possess strong academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.
- ❖ Demonstrated leadership and community service.

Scholarships for High-School Seniors(12th grade)

Please choose **one**. If you are interested in applying to one of the six High School scholarships, please note you must meet all criteria for the scholarship you've selected below:

Excellence in Health & Science Career Scholarship (Founder's Scholarship)

Interested candidates must meet the following additional criteria to be eligible:

- ❖ Interested in pursuing a career in the field of Health & Sciences.
- ❖ Demonstrated leadership and community service.

Excellence in Educational Career Scholarship

Interested candidates must meet the following additional criteria to be eligible:

- ❖ Interested in pursuing a career in the field of Education.
- ❖ Demonstrated leadership and community service.

Excellence in Law Career Scholarship

Interested candidates must meet the following additional criteria to be eligible:

- ❖ Interested in pursuing a career in the field of Law.
- ❖ Demonstrated leadership and community service.

Excellence in Technology Career Scholarship

Interested candidates must meet the following additional criteria to be eligible:

- ❖ Interested in pursuing a career in the field of Technology.
- ❖ Demonstrated leadership and community service.

Excellence in Arts Career Scholarship

Interested candidates must meet the following additional criteria to be eligible:

- ❖ Interested in pursuing a career in the field of Fine Arts.
- ❖ Demonstrated leadership and community service.

Excellence in Vocational Training Scholarship

Interested candidates must meet the following additional criteria to be eligible:

- ❖ Interested in pursuing a Vocational career. E.g., carpenter, electrician, mechanic
- ❖ Demonstrated leadership and community service.

Application Required Documents Checklist

- Completed and signed application
- Indicate scholarship selection
- **All Applicants**** A two - three hundred (200-300) word personal statement essay, which should include candidate's goals, accomplishments, community involvement, and reasons why they should be considered for our scholarship
- **High-School Applicants Only****A two-three hundred (200-300) word essay, selecting one topic of choice listed below:
 1. Explain your achievements and successes and how this will help contribute to your future?
 2. What are your strengths or talents? How are they used to help or inspire others?
 3. Please describe a life changing event that you experienced. What happened and how has it affected you (good or bad).
- Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (All letters should be reflective of activities that occurred during the academic year 2021– 2022. **(All letters must be signed and dated.)**
 - **One** (1) letter providing a detailed description of candidate's community involvement on official letterhead **or** (1) character reference from someone other than a relative demonstrating the student's leadership qualities.
 - A letter from a middle school or high school teacher of a core subject ex. Math, Science, English, etc. The letter must describe candidate's school performance and/or extra-curricular activities on official school letterhead.
- An **OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT:**

Transcript must include the complete **SPRING 2022 TERM** and is due **Thursday, April 28, 2022.**
Official transcripts must be or emailed directly to the Scholarship Committee from candidate's High School, College/University or Vocational Program.
****Subject line must include Scholarship-Transcript, and Applicant Name. ex. Scholarship-Transcript, Jane Doe****

****PHOTOCOPIES/FACSIMILES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED****

IMPORTANT NOTE: All items listed are required and must be submitted to be considered for a scholarship award. Incomplete application packages will be deemed ineligible and removed from consideration.

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Directions: Provide all information requested below.

I. Applicant Information

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Gender
Street Address			
City	State	Zip	
Home Phone #	Cell Phone #	E-mail Address	
Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)		Place of Birth (City/State)	

Social Media Handle

Facebook:	Twitter:
Instagram:	SnapChat:
LinkedIn	Other:

Middle School

Middle School Attending/Attended	Grade	Overall GPA	
Address	City	State	Zip

High School

High School Attending	Grade	Overall GPA	
Address	City	State	Zip

II. Parent/Guardian Information

Name of Mother/Guardian			
Address (If different from applicant)	City	State	Zip
Work Phone	Home Phone	Cell Phone	
Occupation	Employer		
E-mail Address			
Name of Father/Guardian			
Address (If different from applicant)	City	State	Zip
Work Phone	Home Phone	Cell Phone	
Occupation	Employer		
E-mail Address			

III. Sibling Information

Number of Dependent Children in the family?	Number of dependent children currently attending college/university?
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IV. Parent/Guardian Signature

Print Name of Parent/Guardian	
Signature	Date

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V. Honors and Awards (e.g., academic, athletic, community, and/or school awards)

Award	Source of Award	Reason(s) for Award
1)		
2)		
3)		
4)		
5)		

VI. Extra-Curricular/ Community Service Activities

Name of Group/Activity	Grade-Level	Leadership Position(s) Held
1)		
2)		
3)		
4)		
5)		
6)		
7)		

VII. Work and Volunteer Experience

Employer/Organization	Dates of Employment/Service	Position Held
1)		
2)		
3)		
4)		
5)		
6)		
7)		

VIII. Personal Statement (All Applicants)

In a two – three hundred (200 - 300) word essay, please share why Empower My Hood Inc. Chapter should consider you for this scholarship. Please include goals, accomplishments, and community involvement.

IX. Essay (High-School Applicants Only)

In a two – three hundred (200 - 300) word essay, select one topic of choice listed below.

Choose One

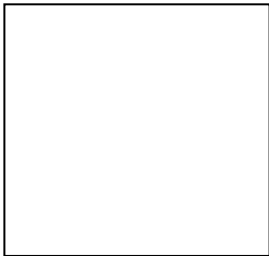
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SELECT THE DATE WHEN YOU WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR AN IN-PERSON INTERVIEW:

(Please Note: Only qualified applications will be granted an interview. All interviews will take place on Saturday/Sunday – Time TBD. Submission of an application does not guarantee an interview and an interview does not guarantee a scholarship.)

- Saturday, May 7th, or May 14th
- Sunday, May 8th, or May 15th

Please attach a small professional headshot or passport size picture of yourself:



I hereby certify that all the information provided in this application is accurate and current. I understand that this application packet will be kept confidential, and all materials submitted become the final property of Empower My Hood, Inc. I acknowledge that all application materials are subject to verification.

Signature of Candidate

Date

Disclaimer:

EMH scholarship monies will be distributed upon the student providing proof of their enrollment AND attendance of their institution of choice.

Scholarship will be distributed in full in the fall semester 2022,

- Withdrawing from all classes will result in the loss of your scholarship.
- Students must maintain cumulative average of 80 (B) or a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to receive their full scholarship.
- Scholarship awards are nontransferable.