



*Everyone deserves a chance to soar!
#SecondChances*

Rise Up Hagerstown Scholarship Program

Dear Applicant,

Thank you so much in your interest in Rise Up Hagerstown's Scholarship Program! Rise Up Hagerstown is a second-chance education program offering scholarships to individuals who have overcome addiction, been previously incarcerated, or overcome an abusive relationship and have started a new life.

The scholarships are open to anyone age 18 or over, in the Washington County, MD, tristate area who have overcome addiction or incarceration or abuse/major trauma. Applicants must have 1-year healing time since the event or journey without relapse or new incident during that year. Please fill out this application in full. Do NOT leave answers blank. Please write "n/a" if an answer does not apply to you.

If you need assistance completing this application, please let us know by emailing info@riseuphagerstown.org or calling us at 240.347.1853, and a volunteer will meet with you.

The deadline is by email or mail by **June 15th, 2021**. Letters by mail must be postmarked by the deadline date. *No applications will be accepted after this time.*

Interviews will be held by Zoom on **June 15th** before a committee of 2-3 persons. In-person interviews can be arranged if necessary, using social distancing and mask guidelines. Those chosen to interview will be contacted by email and/or phone (or mail) informing them of their interview selection.

Again, thank you for your interest in Rise Up Hagerstown and for the hard work you have done to get to this point in your journey. Recovering from addiction, incarceration, and/or trauma is hard work that deserves recognition and to be rewarded.

Sincerely,

Rise Up Hagerstown Board of Directors

Learn more about Rise Up Hagerstown: www.riseuphagerstown.org or on Facebook @RiseUpHagerstown

Need help with the scholarship application process? Let one of our specialists assist you. Contact us at 240.347.1853 or by email at info@riseuphagerstown.org and someone will meet with you in a friendly atmosphere to help guide you in the application process.

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Dates and Deadlines

There are two application opportunities to apply for a scholarship this year. The current application deadline is June 15th. A second application opportunity will run from late August through November 6th.

Application Open: March 1st, 2021

Application Deadline: June 15th, 2021 (email date or postmark date on or before this date)

Notification of Selection for Interview: June 25th, 2021

Scholarship Interviews: July 17th, 2021

Announcement of Award(s): Notification of award will be completed by July 24th.

Scholarship Orientation: July 31st, 2021 (for those notified that they have been awarded a scholarship)

**Approved scholars must also apply and be accepted to their school of choice in addition to the scholarship application. It is recommended to apply to your school of choice as soon as possible. Enrollment must be confirmed prior to release of scholarship funds for those awarded scholarships.*

Eligibility

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Applicant must be 18 or older prior to the application due date;
- Applicant must have overcome a life obstacle in one or more of the following areas: Incarceration, Substance Abuse/Addiction, and/or overcame a traumatic life experience such as abuse.
- Applicant must have 1-year of re-entry time or recovery time or healing time.
- Applicant must live in the Washington County, MD, tri-state area.

How to Apply

Applicants will be evaluated on each component of their submission. All applicants are to submit the following:

1. Complete scholarship application form which includes the following:
 - Short answer response as to how you would benefit from this scholarship and what sets you apart from other applicants. Space for response is included in the application, if more space is need you can attach additional pages. (Minimum 2 sentences, no maximum limit)
 - Short answer response detailing some hardships you have overcome in your life regarding poverty, legal difficulties/incarceration, substance abuse/addiction, or history of trauma and how you overcame these struggles to become the person you are today. Space for response is included in the application, if more space is need you can attach additional pages. (Minimum 4 sentences, no maximum limit)
 - Three (3) character references (not related to you) that are aware of your journey and success in overcoming. References could include but aren't limited to case managers, professional/educational contacts, self-help groups, recovery groups, social service case managers and more. References should be listed in the application, additionally letters may be included or emailed but not required.

Submit completed scholarship applications by June 15th, 2021 by mail or email, or complete the online application using Google Forms at <https://forms.gle/zEZxs5tJov5F2QLf8>. If mailing or emailing, it must be postmarked June 15th or prior. No application will be accepted with a postmark after the deadline. Electronic submissions must be submitted by 11:59pm that day.

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Hagerstown, MD 21742-3527
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2. Complete the application process at your desired school and any required testing.

About Rise Up Hagerstown:

The three biggest issues facing Washington County are joblessness, drug addiction and previous incarceration. These three issues often exist together. There are limited job opportunities for people who have struggled with a past that follows them and the jobs that are available do not allow any chance for real life improvement. While Hagerstown is an affordable city, it is virtually impossible to work for little more than minimum wage and save anything for an education. And certain histories of incarceration preclude a person from receiving federally funded student loans, thereby virtually locking someone in poverty. According to Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, psychological needs (food, warmth, water, rest) and safety needs (safety and security) are the basis of psychological well-being, followed by esteem, belonging and self-actualization. This means that to be fully happy, the most basic needs a person has are food, shelter, safety, etc.... These needs surpass all others. The first step in solving the socio-economic problems of hopelessness associated with rising poverty, drug use and unemployment is to give people the hope of a secure future. Rise Up Hagerstown has partnered with Associated Builders and Contractors Cumberland Valley Chapter (ABC-CVC), a non-profit trade school organization, that provides training for skilled trade careers to provide full-scholarships for 1st year training. We believe the more people are given a chance to better their life, the more everyone succeeds and that the more people fall through the cracks, the more everyone fails. It benefits everyone in our community to see you succeed!



Rise Up Hagerstown Scholarship Program:

Rise Up Hagerstown invites you to apply for a scholarship to Barr Construction Institute if you have overcome an obstacle in your life related to incarceration, substance abuse/addiction, and/or are an abuse survivor (domestic abuse or sexual abuse) or major life trauma. Any person 18 years of age or older who has overcome one of these obstacles in their life is eligible to apply regardless of identity, gender, ethnicity and other identifiers. Rise Up Hagerstown, its scholarship program, and Barr Construction Institute are equal opportunity programs, and do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

Merit Scholarship (Barr Construction Institute)

The *Merit Scholarship* will award up to \$1500.00 towards tuition, fees, and books at Barr Construction Institute in Hagerstown, MD for those pursuing a career in the construction trades. All apprenticeship and craft training programs eligible.

Pursuit Scholarship (James Rumsey Technical Institute - JRTI)

The *Pursuit Scholarship* will award up to \$1500.00 towards tuition, fees, and books at JRTI in Martinsburg, WV for those pursuing an Advanced Career Education program. All adult training programs eligible.

Innovation Scholarship (Hagerstown Community College - HCC)

The *Innovation Scholarship* will award up to \$1500.00 towards tuition and fees at HCC in Hagerstown, MD for those pursuing a degree program, certificate program, or certification through Workforce Solutions training.

Baldwin Scholarship (University System of Maryland at Hagerstown - USMH)

The *Baldwin Scholarship* will award up to \$1500.00 towards tuition and fees at USMH in Hagerstown, MD for those pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree from one of the five universities within this regional higher learning complex.



Rise Up Hagerstown Scholarship Application

Rise Up Hagerstown is an Equal Opportunity Program and does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

I. Personal:

Name: (Full Legal Name) _____

Preferred Name: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone (day): _____ Telephone (evening): _____

Email: _____

Are you over the age of 18? Yes / No

Do you have a valid Driver's License? Yes / No Do you have access to reliable transportation? Yes / No

Are you a US Citizen and/or authorized to work in the US as this training requires an apprenticeship? Yes / No

How did you hear about the Rise Up Hagerstown scholarship? _____

II. Educational Goals/Scholarship Eligibility:

Scholarship/School Applying For: _____

*I understand that I must apply to the school of choice in addition to this scholarship application. Contact them ASAP and begin today.

Chosen Program of Study: _____

Scholarship Eligibility Category: (Circle One) Substance Abuse/Addiction Incarceration Abuse/Trauma

III. Educational Background:

High School: _____ Graduated: Yes ____ No ____ Year _____

College: _____ Graduated: Yes ____ No ____ Year _____

GED: _____ State _____ Year _____

Other Types of Training or Education? (Please List)

IV. Work History (Last 3 Places of Employment and any other relevant positions)

VI. Examples of Perseverance

Can you list some hardships that you have overcome in your life in terms of poverty, legal difficulties/incarceration, substance abuse and/or addiction, or history of trauma, and how you have been able to overcome these struggles to become the person that you are today? Answer should be a minimum of four sentences. If need more space, continue on an additional sheet of paper or on the back of this page.

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VII. Character References

Please list three (3) character references NOT related to you below. Limit friend references to a minimum, no more than one. Counselors, recovery case managers, re-entry specialists and other professional references that can speak to your character, attitude, and maturity are recommended. Remember to provide them with the *Reference Form* found later in this packet to complete and return to us prior to phone confirmation by Rise Up Hagerstown.

	Name	Telephone #	# Years Known	Relationship to you?
1				
2				
3				

VIII. Legal History

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes / No

**A history of felony conviction does not in any way preclude you from being a recipient of this scholarship, but intentional falsification of your answer may affect your eligibility in the future. A background check may be conducted at the discretion of the organization as law allows.*

If yes, explain: _____

IX. Certification

I attest that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and understand that falsification of this information is grounds for refusal or revocation of this scholarship.

Applicant Signature

Date



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Reference 1

Please give this form to the person you listed as your first reference in the Character Reference section of the application. Before giving them, this form, complete the section titled "Reference Purpose." Ask them to complete the reference and email or mail it to Rise Up Hagerstown at the above email or mailing address.

Reference Purpose: *(to be filled out by applicant before giving to reference)*

_____ is applying for the Rise Up Hagerstown Scholarship
Scholarship Applicant Full Name
to attend _____ and requests a reference from
Name of School and Program, i.e. ABC (HVAC-1)
from you. Your reference is needed to obtain final approval for a scholarship.

Reference Information: *(to be filled out by reference)*

Name: _____
(First, Middle, Last)

Address: _____
(Street Address)

(City, State, Zip)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference: *(to be filled out by reference)*

I have known him/her for _____ months as a _____.
Years and Months Known Friend, Employer, or Professional Relationship (Counselor...)

I can offer the following information regarding his/her character, attitude and maturity:

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Reference 2

Please give this form to the person you listed as your second reference in the Character Reference section of the application. Before giving them, this form, complete the section titled "Reference Purpose." Ask them to complete the reference and email or mail it to Rise Up Hagerstown at the above email or mailing address.

Reference Purpose: *(to be filled out by applicant before giving to reference)*

_____ is applying for the Rise Up Hagerstown Scholarship
Scholarship Applicant Full Name
to attend _____ and requests a reference from
Name of School and Program, i.e. ABC (HVAC-1)
from you. Your reference is needed to obtain final approval for a scholarship.

Reference Information: *(to be filled out by reference)*

Name: _____
(First, Middle, Last)

Address: _____
(Street Address)

(City, State, Zip)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference: *(to be filled out by reference)*

I have known him/her for _____ months as a _____.
Years and Months Known Friend, Employer, or Professional Relationship (Counselor...)

I can offer the following information regarding his/her character, attitude and maturity:

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Reference 3

Please give this form to the person you listed as your third reference in the Character Reference section of the application. Before giving them, this form, complete the section titled "Reference Purpose." Ask them to complete the reference and email or mail it to Rise Up Hagerstown at the above email or mailing address.

Reference Purpose: *(to be filled out by applicant before giving to reference)*

_____ is applying for the Rise Up Hagerstown Scholarship
Scholarship Applicant Full Name
to attend _____ and requests a reference from
Name of School and Program, i.e. ABC (HVAC-1)
from you. Your reference is needed to obtain final approval for a scholarship.

Reference Information: *(to be filled out by reference)*

Name: _____
(First, Middle, Last)

Address: _____
(Street Address)

(City, State, Zip)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reference: *(to be filled out by reference)*

I have known him/her for _____ months as a _____.
Years and Months Known Friend, Employer, or Professional Relationship (Counselor...)

I can offer the following information regarding his/her character, attitude and maturity:

Signature: _____ Date: _____