



*Everyone deserves a chance to soar!  
#SecondChances*

## **Rise Up Hagerstown Scholarship Program**

Dear Applicant,

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

The scholarships are open to men and women, 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 with no new incidents. 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](mailto: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 **August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. 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 August 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](http://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](mailto:info@riseuphagerstown.org) and someone will meet with you in a friendly atmosphere to help guide you in the application process.*

# Rise Up Hagerstown Scholarship Program

## Dates and Deadlines

**Application Open:** January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Application Deadline:** August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (email date or postmark date)

**Notification of Selection for Interview:** August 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

**Scholarship Interviews:** August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Announcement of Award(s):** 1-3 days after interview (by email or phone)

**Scholarship Orientation:** August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 (for those notified that they have been awarded a scholarship)  
Rise Up Hagerstown will award 4-6 scholarships in the amount of up to \$1500.00, depending upon funding for the **2020-2021** academic year at one of the approved schools (Barr Construction Institute, Hagerstown Community College, University System of Maryland at Hagerstown, or James Rumsey Technical Institute) for eligible applicants. Applicants must also apply and be accepted to the school of their choice in addition to applying for the Rise Up Hagerstown Scholarship.

## 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 **August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020** by mail or email: (Postmark must be **August 10<sup>th</sup> or prior**)

**Rise Up Hagerstown**  
**Attn: Scholarship Fund**  
**PO Box 3527**  
**Hagerstown, MD 21742-3527**

*NOTE: If selected for a scholarship award, you will be required to provide proof of enrollment to Barr Construction Institute prior to release of scholarship funds.*

2. Complete the application process at your desire 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

Company	Dates (Start/End)	Reason For Leaving

## V. Reasons for Seeking Scholarship

Please provide a brief summary as to why you feel you would benefit from this scholarship and what sets you apart from other applicants? Tell us how this scholarship would give you a second chance. Your answer should be a minimum of two sentences. If more space is needed, continue on an additional sheet of paper labeled accordingly.

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## 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?

## 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.*

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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## VIII. 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 application after filling out the Reference Purpose section. Ask them to complete it 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:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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Scholarship Applicant Full Name

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Name of School and Program, i.e. ABC (HVAC-1)

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Middle, Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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

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Scholarship Applicant Full Name

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from you. Your reference is needed to obtain final approval for a scholarship.

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

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(First, Middle, Last)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

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(City, State, Zip)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_