



*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 fit one of our target categories. 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 240.347.1850, and a volunteer will meet with you.*

The deadline is by email or mail by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Letters by mail must be postmarked by the deadline date. *No applications will be accepted after this time.*

Interviews will be held in person on the weekend of August 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> before a committee of 2-3 persons. Those chosen to move on to the interview phase will be contacted by email and mail by August 1<sup>st</sup> with their interview time.

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 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 240.347.1850 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:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**Application Deadline:** July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (email and postmarked date)

**Notification of Selection for Interview:** By August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

**Scholarship Interviews:** August 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Announcement of Award(s):** Late August 2019

Rise Up Hagerstown will award up to twelve (12) full-scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year at Barr Construction Institute for first year attendance. Second year attendance typically is paid for by an internship employer. Applicants must also apply and be accepted to Barr Construction Institute in addition to applying for the Rise Up Hagerstown Scholarship. Barr Construction Institute is part of Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. Cumberland Valley Chapter in Hagerstown, Maryland.

## 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: legal difficulties/incarceration, substance abuse/addiction, and/or be an abuse survivor.
- 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 July 15, 2019, via mail or email: (Postmark must be July 15<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. Contact Barr Construction Institute and complete their application process, classes begin September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019:

**Phone:** 301.739.1190 **Email:** info@abccvc.com **Website:** www.abccvc.org



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### **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 legal difficulties/incarceration, substance abuse/addiction, and/or are an abuse survivor (domestic abuse or sexual abuse). 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.

### **Why Construction Trades?**

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the construction trades outlook projects a 22% job growth by 2022. This is great news for the economy, nationally and you personally! The construction trade faces a [shortage of construction workers](#) making it an ideal industry to elevate your earning potential and improve your quality of living. The construction trade is a well-paying career in the fourstate area and can use skilled people like you. Becoming a certified plumber, welder, electrician, carpenter, mason, or other skilled person requires training through organizations like Barr Construction Institute/ABC CVC, made accessible to you through the Rise Up Hagerstown Scholarship Program.

### **Not Just for Men, But Women Too!**

While the skilled trades industry has historically been dominated by men, it is open to women also. ABC- CVC strives to train women and support their pursuit of a career in the field. Join the movement to bring more women into trades careers while elevating your earning potential. Attracting more women to the industry makes economic sense. Bringing women into this male-dominated industry is a GREAT way to increase the size of the skilled workforce, closing the skills gap. In an era of increasing concern over the wage gap, getting more women to enter trades careers is also a promising way to achieve equity.



### **About Barr Construction Institute at Associated Builders & Contractors of Cumberland Valley:**

Barr Construction Institute/Associated Builders & Contractors of Cumberland Valley (ABC-CVC) provides both formal apprenticeship and craft training programs that are registered with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR), the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), and Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council (MATC). These programs meet all federal and state requirements for formal apprenticeship and prevailing wage work including employer-sponsored classroom instruction and on-the-job training. Upon successful completion, apprentices are recognized at the journey-worker level in their trade and are awarded their Maryland DLLR certificate of completion. An apprentice is a highly committed individual who works full time under the direction of a journey-worker or master while attending classes in the evening. ABC-CVC Apprentices are registered with Maryland Apprenticeship & Training Council (MATC), and National Center for Construction, Education & Research (NCCER). ABC CVC also can register apprentices in Pennsylvania and West Virginia in addition to Maryland depending on where the student is working. Their programs are registered and approved by the states of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship (OA), and the Veterans Administration. Depending upon the trade, the program covers 2-4 years of classroom related instruction. Attaining Journeyman status for most trades requires that a student accumulate eight thousand (8,000) on-the-job training hours and at least 576 hours of related instruction to achieve Journeyman status. A full-time job totals 2,000 hours each year and the Apprenticeship Training Program provides at least 144 hours of related instruction per year. ABC-CVC offers over twenty curriculum trade courses including: Bricklayer/Mason; Carpentry; Cement Mason/Concrete Finisher; Construction Craft Laborer; Electrical; Glazier; Heavy Equipment Operator; HVAC-R; Insulation Worker; Painter; Pipefitter; Plumbing; Reinforcing Ironworker; Roofer; Sheet Metal; Sprinkler Fitter; Steamfitter; Structural Ironworker; and Welder. Learn more about the training programs at [www.abccvc.org/Education/Apprenticeship-and-Craft-Training](http://www.abccvc.org/Education/Apprenticeship-and-Craft-Training).

Complete application process with Barr Construction Institute, contact Barr Construction Institute for more information on their application process:

#### **Barr Construction Institute/Associated Builders & Contractors Inc.**

530 North Locust Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
Phone: (301) 739-1190  
Fax: (301) 739-1026  
Email: [info@abccvc.com](mailto:info@abccvc.com)  
Website: [www.abccvc.org](http://www.abccvc.org)

The admission process with Barr Construction Institute includes:

- Math pre-test
- 3 letters of reference
- High school transcripts
- Completion of their Application
- Registration Fees
- Other information as needed
- Interview with Barr Construction Institute

*Learn more about Barr Construction Institute: [www.abccvc.org](http://www.abccvc.org) or on Facebook @abccumberlandvalley*

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# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_

## II. Education:

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduated Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ Graduated Yes\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

GED \_\_\_\_\_ Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Other Types of Training or Education? Please List

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Company	Dates (Start/End)	Reason For Leaving

### III. Reasons for Seeking Scholarship

Can You give us 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 need more space, continue on an additional sheet of paper or on the back of this page.

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#### IV. 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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## V. Character References

Please list three (3) character references NOT related to you below.

Name	Telephone #	# Years Known	Relationship to you?

## VI. 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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## VII. 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 scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date