



2026 - 2027 JANET & RICHARD GORMAN SCHOLARSHIP

About the Scholarship

The Janet and Richard Gorman Scholarship was established by Richard Gorman upon his retirement from the Michigan Public Power Agency. This scholarship is administered by MPPA and will award \$2,500 to an eligible recipient in the Fall of 2026, to be used for the 2026-2027 academic year.

The Janet and Richard Gorman Scholarship is available to:

1. Children and/or legal wards of employees of a member of MPPA who is employed by the Council, Commission, or Board of Trustees having general management over the utility system of that MPPA member; and
2. Children and/or legal wards of Michigan Public Power Agency employees.

Scholarship recipients shall be enrolled in colleges, universities, junior colleges, or community colleges located in Michigan. Preference will be given to students seeking degrees in engineering. A complete list of selection criteria is attached. To apply, complete the attached application and email to mcornelius@mpower.org

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS AUGUST 1, 2026.



GORMAN SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

Application Requirements:

- A. Applicants must be either:
 - 1) Children and/or legal ward of employees of an MPPA member who is employed by the Council, Commission, or Board of Trustees having general management over the utility system of that MPPA member; or
 - 2) Children and/or legal ward of Michigan Public Power Agency employees.
- B. Applicants must be enrolled in colleges, universities, junior colleges, or community colleges located in the state of Michigan.

Selection Criteria Priorities:

- A. First Time Recipients: Although applicants are eligible for selection more than one time, preference will be given to non-prior recipients in order to distribute the funds to more individuals.
- B. Upper Class Recipients: Although all students, including those who have enrolled for their first semester of classes, are eligible, preference will be given to those students in upper classes who may be further into their concentrated field of studies.
- C. Engineering Students: Students in engineering will be given priority over non-engineering students. Within the engineering field, preference will be given to electrical engineering students. After engineering studies, priority will be given to students of public administration, and then business administration.
- D. Grades: Students currently enrolled in college shall maintain a minimum of a "C" average (2.0 on a scale of 4.0); first year college students shall have maintained at least a "B" average (3.0 on a scale of 4.0) while in high school.

The MPPA Board of Commissioners reserves the right to not award the scholarship if in their determination no eligible or deserving candidate has applied.

GORMAN SCHOLARSHIP COMMON QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- Q. The question “GPA at Last School Attended”, is that high school GPA, current college GPA, or...?**
- A. If you have just graduated high school, please use that GPA. If you are currently attending a college, university, junior college, or community college, please use your current GPA.
- Q. Our water utility is with/under electric utility (board of power and water) – can water utility staff’s children or legal wards apply?**
- A. Yes, If the parent/guardian works for the utility system.
- Q. Can any city employee apply?**
- A. Applicants must be children or legal wards of employees of an MPPA Member who is employed by the Council, Commission, or Board of Trustees having general management over the utility system of that MPPA Member, or children of Michigan Public Power Agency employees.
- Q. Does this apply to our city council/utility board/anyone involved in utility leadership?**
- A. The parent/guardian of an MPPA Member who is employed by the Council, Commission, or Board of Trustees having general management over the utility system of that MPPA Member, or children of Michigan Public Power Agency employees.
- Q. Is this applicable to just the executive leadership of the utility?**
- A. No, it applies to any child or legal ward that is enrolled in a college, university, junior college, or community college located in the state of Michigan and who has a parent/guardian of an MPPA Member who is employed by the Council, Commission, or Board of Trustees having general management over the utility system of that MPPA Member; or children of Michigan Public Power Agency employees.
- Q. My child just graduated from college. Can he/she apply?**
- A. Applicants must be currently enrolled in colleges, universities, junior colleges, or community colleges located in the state of Michigan to be eligible.
- Q. Can my grandchild apply?**
- A. You must be the parent or guardian of the applicant.
- Q. I work for the utility and I am the legal guardian of a child. Are they eligible to apply for the scholarship?**
- A. Yes, as long as the child is your legal ward, and currently enrolled in a college, university, junior college, or community college located in the state of Michigan.
- Q. Can a graduate student apply?**
- A. Yes, as long as they are currently enrolled, and the graduate college or university they are attending is in the state of Michigan.

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Student Information

Student's Name:

Student's Address:

Street, City, State, ZIP

Student's Email Address:

Student's Phone Number:

Michigan School:

School Address:

Street, City, State, ZIP

Degree Sought:

Current Status: (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)

G.P.A. at Last School Attended: (see FAQ for clarification)

Acknowledgement & Consent

By signing below, I affirm:

- All student information is accurate
- I work for a Member Utility of MPPA
- I am the Parent or Legal Guardian of the Student applicant
- We agree to participate in a brief interview and use of a portrait for MPPA to use for member communications including on its website, email newsletter and social media accounts.

Parent/Guardian Name:

Signature

Parent/ Guardian Employer:

Parent/Guardian Title:

Additional Information:

If there is any additional information about yourself that you would like to provide, please use the space below or attach another sheet.

Please fill out completely and email by August 1, 2026 to mcornelius@mpower.org