

**MICHIGAN CORRECTIONS ORGANIZATION
2019 STUDENT DEBT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ Applicant must be a member in good standing at the time of application submission and for the previous 6 months prior to applying.
- ✓ Must have completed credit hours, an associate Degree or bachelor's degree program at a college or university, as a full-time or part-time student. Debt incurred from a graduate level programs will not be considered at this time.
- ✓ Must submit documentation that applicant has at least \$1,500 in outstanding student debt and is making regular student loan payments to a recognized student loan provider or debtor organization.
- ✓ Must submit documentation showing that student loan payments are up to date.

STUDENT DEBT GRANTS:

Twenty (20) \$500 grants will be awarded by lottery drawing in July of each year.

Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and comply with the rules and regulations as established by the Michigan Corrections Organization.

Applicants may only submit one application per year but are eligible to receive up to three (3) \$500 grants while employed with the MDOC.

PAYMENT OF AWARDS:

Each award shall be granted in the form of a check to a recognized student-loan provider or debtor organization, or if not accepted by the debtor organization, the scholarship program may make an alternate arrangement with the awardee.

* All awards are taxable income to the awardee.

PROCEDURES:

Each applicant must file an official MCO-SEIU Student Debt Reduction application.

*** Application forms must be endorsed by the Chapter President, Vice President or Chief Steward or other authorized chapter officer attesting that the member is in good standing.**

FORMS:

Application forms may be obtained at your local union office, the Michigan Corrections Organization Headquarters in Lansing, MI or from the MCO website at www.mco-seiu.org

APPLICATION:

All applications must be postmarked no later than **June 15, 2019**.

SELECTION OF WINNERS:

Qualified applications will be entered into a drawing (subject to change or alternate criteria) for one of 20 awards of \$500.

All applicants will be notified in the month of July via email with the results of the drawing.

QUESTIONS?

Questions may be emailed to Tara Nichol (tara@mco-seiu.org) with MCO Member Benefits. Or you may call MCO Headquarters at 517-485-3310 ext. 150.

SEND APPLICATION TO:

***MCO - Member Benefits Department
Student Debt Reduction Program
Michigan Corrections Organization
421 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933***

Michigan Corrections Organization- SEIU, Local 526M,

2019 STUDENT DEBT REDUCTION APPLICATION FORM

DEADLINE: Postmarked by June 15, 2019

Name of Member: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Balance of Loan as of the date of this application: _____
(Must be \$1,500 or more)

Signature of Member: _____ Date: _____

Applicant must be a dues paying member of Michigan Corrections Organization 12 months prior to request and the application must be endorsed by the Local Union President, Vice President or Chief Steward attesting the applicant is a member in good standing, having paid dues on the date the application was submitted.

Applications that are not signed below by a chapter President, Vice President, or Chief Steward will not be included in the drawing.

Signature of Local Union President, Vice President or Chief Steward:

(Signature) Date: _____

(Print Name and Title of Signing Officer) Worksite: _____

Application must include the checklist of items below to qualify:

- Loan Statements (3 months)
Statements must be from the immediate past three months, showing up to date consecutive payments on your loan or qualifying forbearance.
- Proof of credit hour completion, copy of associate degree OR copy of undergraduate degree (Graduate School debt will not be considered at this time).
- Signature from Chapter Union President, Vice President or Chief Steward

Due to the volume of applicants we receive, incomplete applications will be disqualified.