

**MICHIGAN CORRECTIONS ORGANIZATION
2021 STUDENT DEBT REDUCTION PROGRAM
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

AN APPLICANT MUST BE:

- ✓ A member in good standing at the time of application submission.
- ✓ Must have completed credit hours, an Associate's 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 demonstrate 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.
- ✓ Must have been a member in good standing for the previous 12 months prior to submission.

STUDENT DEBT GRANTS:

Twenty (20) \$500 grants will be awarded.

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 in their lifetime while employed with the MDOC.

PAYMENT OF AWARDS:

Each award shall be granted 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. (See below)

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

Such endorsement must be obtained BEFORE the application is submitted.

REQUIREMENTS:

Must have completed credit hours, an Associate's 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 program will not be considered at this time.

APPLICATION:

All applications are due to MCO Central Office no later than **April 1, 2021**.

SELECTION OF WINNERS:

Qualified applications will be entered into a drawing (subject to change or alternate criteria) for one of 35 awards of \$500.

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

SEND APPLICATION TO:

MCO

***Student Debt Reduction Program
c/o Michigan Corrections Organization
421 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48933
Telephone: 517-485-3310***

Michigan Corrections Organization- SEIU, Local 526M,

2021 STUDENT DEBT REDUCTION APPLICATION FORM

DEADLINE: April 1, 2021

Name of Member: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Member/Associate Member Employed By: _____

SEIU Local Union Number: _____ 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.

Endorsement must be obtained BEFORE the application is submitted.

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

Date: _____

(Signature)

Worksite: _____

(Print Name and Title of Signing Officer)

Application must include the checklist of items below to qualify:

- Loan Statements (3 months)
Statements must be recent, showing up to date consecutive payments on your **undergraduate** loan or qualifying forbearment.
- Proof of credit hour completion, Copy of Associate Degree OR Copy of Undergraduate Degree (Applicants with Graduate School Degrees or Graduate School debt will not be considered at this time).
- Signature from Local Union President, Vice President or Chief Steward

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