



## **U of M Club of Grand Traverse Scholarship Opportunities & Application, 2025**

### **BACKGROUND**

**U of M CLUB OF GRAND TRAVERSE ‘CLUB’ SCHOLARSHIPS** are available to admitted freshmen or undergraduate students currently enrolled full time in degree granting programs at the University of Michigan. Since the early 1980s, endowments from noteworthy area alums including Bob James, Charles H Menmuir, Julius H Beers, Jack Patterson, and Daniel J White initiated the U-M Club of Grand Traverse (“UMCGT”) Scholarship Program. Today monies for these awards are raised from contributions and fundraising activities of the UMCGT, representing alumni, students, parents, fans and friends of the University.

The UMCGT awards **seven to nine \$2,000 scholarships** annually to students from Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, and Leelanau counties. Students may apply for UMCGT scholarships at any point during their undergraduate academic studies.

**All UMCGT scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need. Each applicant’s financial need will be verified by the U of M Office of Financial Aid.**

Guidelines, application and mandatory cover sheet are attached.

**All of the following: (1) Cover Sheet, (2) Application, and (3) Letter of Recommendation**  
are due by **APRIL 25, 2025**  
via email only to:

**U of M Club of Grand Traverse  
Scholarship Fund**  
[GoBlueGrandTraverse@umich.edu](mailto:GoBlueGrandTraverse@umich.edu)

The author of the Letter of Recommendation shall submit it to that email address directly.



## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Applicant MUST meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- A. Applicant must currently reside in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska or Leelanau County (hereinafter, the “Grand Traverse Area”) and have resided in the Grand Traverse Area for at least three years;
- B. Applicant must complete and file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (“FAFSA”) or its equivalent and demonstrate financial need to be considered for this UMC GT Scholarship;
- C. Applicant must have maintained a 3.0 or higher-grade point average in high school, and must maintain a 2.75 or higher-grade point average while at the University of Michigan;
- D. Applicant must timely submit the (1) Cover Page and (2) Application; and,
- E. Applicant must provide at least one letter of recommendation regarding leadership involvement in community and school activities, and, if applicable, for college activities.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Items A-E under Basic Applicant Eligibility are minimum requirements for eligibility for the UMC GT scholarship sought. The Application under Item D and item E will be the determinant in choosing among those Applicants who meet the minimum requirements. It is the purpose of the UMC GT scholarship to support students who, if they return to the Grand Traverse Area after graduation, will remain active in and give back to the community.

## GUIDELINES FOR ALL APPLICANTS

- 1) The (1) Cover Letter, (2) Application (completed with signed cover page), and (3) Letter of recommendation are due by **April 25, 2025** by email to [GoBlueGrandTraverse@umich.edu](mailto:GoBlueGrandTraverse@umich.edu).
  - a) The letter of recommendation must be submitted directly to that email address by its author
- 2) A currently enrolled University of Michigan student should submit a copy of his/her most recent OFA “Award Notice” (if applicable) with his/her scholarship application form.
- 3) You will receive an email confirming your application was received. If you do not receive an email please contact [GoBlueGrandTraverse@umich.edu](mailto:GoBlueGrandTraverse@umich.edu).
- 4) **Applicant’s financial need will be verified with the U of M Office of Financial Aid. This is the single most important criteria for Applicant selection.**
- 5) UMC GT scholarships are not automatically renewable. Past UMC GT scholarship recipients may apply for a scholarship, as may a previous Applicant who was not selected.
- 6) The acceptance of a scholarship obligates the recipient to complete the year of study contemplated in the application, unless good cause for not doing so can be documented.
- 7) Acceptance by Applicant of an award of any of a UMC GT scholarships may effect eligibility for other financial assistance offered by the University of Michigan. If there are questions concerning this, Applicant is advised to contact the Office of Financial Aid at the University of Michigan.
- 8) All Applicants will be notified of the scholarship committee decisions by June 30, 2025, or sooner.



**PLEASE NOTE: THIS APPLICATION IS IN A PDF FILLABLE FORMAT. YOU WILL NEED A CURRENT VERSION OF ADOBE READER ([adobe.com/reader](http://adobe.com/reader) - free) TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION. In Reader, click on Tools: Fill & Sign to add text & place signatures. "Save" when complete!**

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COVER PAGE**

NOTE: This cover sheet is MANDATORY and must be attached to your application.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name), am submitting this application for consideration of the UMC GT scholarships. I certify that I am eligible to apply for UMC GT scholarships being offered.

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

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



U of M CLUB OF GRAND TRAVERSE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

General

First name:\*, Middle name:\*, Last name:\*, Student number:, Home address:, Hometown:\*, Years in the Grand Traverse Area:\*, Date of birth:, Email:, Cell phone:, Home phone:, Parent/guardian name:, High school name:\*, Graduation year:\*, HS class rank:, Overall HS G.P.A.:, SAT: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_, ACT: Composite: \_\_\_\_\_, UM G.P.A. (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

\*May be used in local media

U OF M ADMISSIONS STATUS

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Admitted to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
UM School/College Term Year
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Currently enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
UM School/College Degree Class of

FINANCIAL STATUS

Have (will) you filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at the U of M? \_\_\_\_\_

Your family's household annual adjusted gross income for past three calendar years:

\_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

During the Academic year:

Job type: \_\_\_\_\_ House per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Job type: \_\_\_\_\_ House per week: \_\_\_\_\_

During Summer / Vacation:

Job type: \_\_\_\_\_ House per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Job type: \_\_\_\_\_ House per week: \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE(S)**

One letter of recommendation from someone that knows you in an academic context (e.g., an academic counselor, teacher, instructor or faculty member) is required, though additional letters may be submitted if desired. Please share the name and email address of the individual(s) sending the letter(s) of recommendation. *All letters must be emailed to: [GoBlueGrandTraverse@umich.edu](mailto:GoBlueGrandTraverse@umich.edu)*

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Academic counselor, teacher, instructor or faculty member (required)
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional (optional)

**PLEASE SUPPLY US WITH ADDITIONAL BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

(may be used in local media)

List Scholastic Honors You Have Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List Extra-Curricular and Community Service Activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please tell the us a bit about your community & extra-curricular activities in 100 to 150 words:

Please write a paragraph or two about your educational and career goals, and “Why Michigan?” (approx. 250 words).