The Russell J. Ebeid Scholarship Application for

Students at the University of Detroit Mercy

About the Scholarship

It is anticipated that the Russell J. Ebeid Scholarships will be $4,000 per student and may be renewable for up to 4 years for students meeting the University's satisfactory academic progress standards for scholarships. The intent of this scholarship is to support underserved minority students studying a STEM field who are interested in cooperative education and an opportunity to become successful in their collegiate careers. The scholarship, combined with other financial support, will allow its recipients to gain from the same kind of experiences Mr. Ebeid had as a student.

About Russell J. Ebeid

Russell J. Ebeid was driven by a desire to make a difference in educational opportunities for underserved youth. This passion guided his philanthropy, including his decision to establish the Russell J. Ebeid Scholarship for underserved students pursuing college. Although neither of his parents finished high school, they instilled in Mr. Ebeid the value of hard work and strength of character. With their support, Ebeid rose from his working-class roots to become one of four directors of Guardian Industries and the Chairman of the Guardian Glass Group – world leaders in glass, automotive and building products sciences.

ACCESS has served the community for more than 40 years. Founded by a group of dedicated volunteers in 1971 out of a storefront in Dearborn's impoverished south end, today ACCESS is the largest Arab American human services nonprofit in the United States. Through its more than 100 programs, ACCESS works to create a just and equitable society for all, with the full participation of Arab Americans. In 2009, ACCESS founded the Center for Arab American Philanthropy (CAAP), a national community foundation that unites and empowers the Arab American community through strategic and collective giving.

Mr. Ebeid received ACCESS' very first "Making an Impact" award, established to recognize individuals who have made a positive impact by raising awareness of issues affecting their community. He was honored for his philanthropic contributions that serve as an example and role model for others. "I feel good about what I am doing. It takes work to be successful in your giving, but you feel better about giving back. I hope that my experience will inspire others to stand up…and give generously where they can," he said.

The Russell J. Ebeid Scholarship Application for Incoming Students at the University of Detroit Mercy

Eligibility and Requirements:

☐ Be an incoming freshman or currently enrolled student of <u>any</u> grade level studying STEM at University of Detroit Mercy

☐ Be of Arab American/MENA, African American, or Latino/a heritage or an international student

☐ Meet with an academic advisor at the start of each academic year to review progress towards degree completion

☐ Must have a GPA of 3.2 or higher

☐ Must agree to provide career data upon graduation

☐ Must demonstrate financial need

Application:

1. Fill out the application form online: http://bit.ly/ebeidscholarship
2. Submit a personal statement, two letters of recommendation from non-family members, an up-to-date Student Aid Report, copy of transcript, and a resume or CV through the online form.

Personal Statement

Submit an essay of *no more than two 8.5" x 11" typed, double-spaced pages, size 12 font, with 1-inch margins* describing the following:

☐ Career aspirations

☐ Reasons for choosing the career goal(s) and your preparation for career

☐ How you see yourself contributing in a unique way given your heritage

☐ What impact being an Ebeid Scholar would have on you

☐ Leadership and volunteer activities in your community and/or school

Student Aid Report (SAR)

The Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) must be completed for the current school year. If you haven't already, complete the application, add Detroit Mercy to your school list, and submit a PDF copy of your federal SAR with your Ebeid Scholarship application. If you need help filling out the FAFSA form, please contact Detroit Mercy University's Office of Student Financial Aid.

*If you are an international student, please instead submit a statement of financial need demonstrating your financial need and/or nature of your situation.

Letters of Recommendation

Submit 2 letters of recommendation.
- Each letter must be signed and on official letterhead
- It is recommended that the individual recommender chosen by the student should be an educator, academic advisor/counselor, employment supervisor, or a

community leader with whom the student interacts. It should not be a family member, friend, or student peer.

- Your letter writer must explain their relationship to you and provide their contact information within the letter. It is recommended that your letter should provide details about the students' personal, academic, or professional qualities and/or skills.
- Your letter must be submitted by the application deadline. You can either upload the letters with your application, or, if your recommenders prefer to deliver their letters directly to the Ebeid Scholarship Committee without you reading them, please instruct them to do so at this link: https://www.centeraap.org/grants/scholarships/scholarship-letter-of-recommendation-form/ . Note our system does not automatically notify the student if their letters were submitted via the direct link. We recommend students to reach out via email prior to the deadline to confirm your letters were submitted.

Transcript

Submit a copy of your most current high school or college transcript (official or unofficial). Digital upload is preferred, but if you wish to submit your transcripts directly, please mail to:

ATTN: Mikala Cox

Center for Arab American Philanthropy

2651 Saulino Court

Dearborn MI 48120

Resume or Curriculum Vitae

Submit a resume or CV that lists any work and/or volunteer experiences you've had. Also include any honors or awards you have received.

Please direct any questions to Mikala Cox at mcox@accesscommunity.org