

## Deadline

The deadline for submitting a completed application is **June 20th, 2025**. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed. The Scholarship Committee will send notifications to all applicants by August 2025.

Application materials must be addressed and received at the Madison Park Development office **by 5:00 PM on June 20th, 2025**.

### APPLY HERE



## The Scholarship Committee

Madison Park Development Corporation  
184 Dudley Street – Suite 200  
Roxbury, Massachusetts 02119

## Multiple Applications

You only have to submit one application to receive consideration for both of our scholarship programs.

## Scholarship Amount

The Ralph D. Smith Community Service Scholarship awards **up to \$3,500 annually for four years**. The Danette Jones Scholarship awards **up to \$1,000 on a one-time basis**.

## Scholarship Duration

The Ralph D. Smith Community Service Scholarship recipients are eligible to receive assistance for the full term of their education at a two or four-year accredited degree-awarding institution, provided the student achieves a B grade average.



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## 2025 Scholarship Program

*The Ralph D. Smith Community  
Scholarship  
&  
The Danette Jones Scholarship*



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## About MPDC

**Madison Park Development Corporation (MPDC)** is a pioneering nonprofit organization committed to strengthening the Roxbury community. Founded in 1966 by residents and community activists, MPDC emerged in response to the devastating effects of urban renewal, determined to restore and revitalize the neighborhood.

What began as the Lower Roxbury Development Corporation evolved into MPDC, **one of the nation's first community-based organizations to independently develop affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents.** For almost six decades, MPDC has been a catalyst for positive change, championing housing, economic empowerment, and community engagement to ensure Roxbury remains a vibrant and thriving place to live.



## The Ralph D. Smith

### Community Service Scholarship

The Ralph D. Smith Community Service Scholarship is **named after the first Executive Director of Madison Park Development Corporation.** Mr. Smith was a resident of the old Lower Roxbury neighborhood. A baker by trade, Mr. Smith was a leader among the residents of the old neighborhood. He **led the charge to redevelop and restore the cares and land left vacant by urban renewal.** Under his leadership, the core units forming the Madison Park Village complex were created. Upon his death in September 1998, Mr. Smith **left his entire estate to MPDC to establish a scholarship fund** in his name that would help students *"who have demonstrated community service in the Madison Park Village and Lower Roxbury areas."*

### The Danette Jones Scholarship Fund

Danette Jones served as the **second Executive Director of MPDC from 1988 to 1998.** Under Ms. Jones' leadership, MPDC expanded its housing development programs, created cultural and economic development collaboration, and launched human capital campaigns. These initiatives included **establishing youth and workforce development programs,** revitalizing community organizing efforts, and expanding computer training initiatives.

Among Ms. Jones's accomplishments is **the successful transformation of the blighted Orchard Park Public Housing Development** into the Orchard Gardens Townhouses.

## Eligibility Requirements

The eligibility criteria to be considered for the Madison Park Development Corporation Scholarship programs are as follows:

- **Resident of the greater Madison Park community as defined by the boundaries of Lower Roxbury** – which include and are limited to residences in the **02119, 02120, and 02121** zip code areas;
- **Enrollment full-time as a high school senior,** graduating in **Spring/Summer 2025** with plans to enter college after graduation
- A strong **commitment to pursuing a bachelors or associates degree;**
- **Involvement in community service** and a strong commitment to continue community service throughout college;

*\*Additional requirements may apply*



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