

Habitat for Humanity Detroit Women in Trades Scholarship

About Habitat for Humanity Detroit

Habitat for Humanity Detroit believes that everyone deserves a safe, decent and affordable place to live. Putting God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity Detroit brings together people to build homes, communities, and hope.

Habitat Detroit's mission has a hyper-local focus with a world vision that engages donors, homeowners, neighbors, and volunteers working together to build better living environments. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat Detroit builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner families.

About Women's Empowerment Month

The Habitat Detroit Women's Empowerment Month offers a distinctive chance for women to acquire hands-on experience at a Habitat Build site, dedicate their time and skills to help others in the community, and empower fellow women on their path to homeownership.

About 90% of Habitat Detroit homeowners are women, yet most of our volunteers and contractors are male. By encouraging more women to participate in Habitat for Humanity builds, we can expand our volunteer network and empower homeowners to confidently handle homeownership challenges.

Habitat Detroit is proud to support women in the trades and actively seeks partnerships with women owned businesses to be Habitat Detroit contractors. Additionally, through partnerships with other organizations we seek ways to connect women interested in the trades with learning opportunities.

Habitat for Humanity Detroit Women in Trades Scholarship Opportunity

Habitat for Humanity Detroit is committed to investing in women in the trades. With this in mind, we are introducing Habitat Detroit's Women in Trades Scholarship! This opportunity will award \$2,500 to an eligible student who is entering or currently enrolled in post-secondary trade programs or apprenticeships. The program aims to assist women in obtaining an education in trades, a historically male-dominated field.

*The Habitat for Humanity Detroit Women in Trades Scholarship is contingent upon the 2025 Women's Empowerment Month raising \$100,000.

Habitat Detroit will be accepting 2025 scholarship applications from July 1, 2025 to September 2, 2025.

ELIGIBILITY

U.S. female high school, community college or trade school students. This scholarship is for those female students who are planning or are currently enrolled in Skilled Trades Program at a community college or trade school. Consideration will be given to financial need, academic achievement, community service or extracurricular activities.

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REQUIREMENTS

- Proof of Enrollment in a Skilled Trade Program or Applied Apprenticeship Program.
- Completed scholarship application
- 1 letter of recommendation
- Completed essay (see below for details)
- Listing of extracurricular/volunteer activities (if applicable).

ESSAY GUIDELINES

Essay length 400 – 500 words, double spaced.

Essay Topics – (Choose one)

- Why have you chosen this career and what are your goals?
- What challenges have you faced as a woman pursuing a career in the trades, and how have you overcome them?

Please submit all requirements of application to Mary Ellen Kearney at mkearney@habitatdetroit.org no later than September 2, 2025.

For any questions or concerns about the application or the decision process, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mary Ellen Kearney, or Sophie Beeckman at sbeeckman@habitatdetroit.org. If you do not meet all requirements, you are still encouraged to reach out to us to discuss your candidacy.