

*In service to God, our mission is to build upon the social, physical, emotional, and spiritual strengths of children, youth, and families, and to affirm their worth.*

## *Hackley Education & Learning Program*

Methodist Home for Children (MHC) has always encouraged young people to pursue the education they need for a successful and productive adult life. To support that effort, the agency has a long history of providing financial help for those who have successfully completed its programs and wish to pursue a post-high school education. In 2005, the higher education program was named the **Hackley Education and Learning Program (HELP)** in honor of Dr. Lloyd V. (“Vic”) Hackley, in recognition of his commitment to MHC, and his leadership of the MHC Board from July 2002 to June 2005.

Dr. Hackley is a passionate champion for individual growth in character, values, and responsibility. He encouraged MHC to remember the needs of young people 18 years and older entering the period of “transition to permanence.” This period is a vulnerable time when most traditional child and family service programs end and access to additional support and guidance is extremely limited.

HELP grants are awarded to qualified MHC applicants to support their post-high school educational goals. The financial awards are generally made directly to colleges, educational institutions or related businesses on behalf of the student. The awards are targeted primarily toward tuition and associated fees related to post high school educational goals. Awards are made based upon demonstrated need and academic performance and are based yearly on availability of funds. The Higher Education Committee reviews applications, reviews progress in academic studies and approves all financial awards. Methodist Home for Children’s Higher Education funds are intended to supplement governmental financial awards and any other financial assistance.



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*Methodist Home for Children has been nurturing children, youth, and families for more than 100 years. Our nonprofit agency serves all children and families regardless of religion, race, or economic status. We provide community-based residential youth homes, foster care, adoption services, substance abuse services, family-based counseling, child care, and child care consultation. MHC is active in communities throughout North Carolina.*

## ELIGIBILITY

*In order to be eligible for Higher Education funding through MHC, a prospective student must meet the following conditions:*

- Have successfully participated in or completed any of MHC's residential programs;
- Have a record of good character and citizenship while in MHC's care and while receiving Higher Education Funds;
- Plan to attend a school, college, university or other educational institution approved by the Higher Education Committee;
- Have a demonstrated need for Higher Education financial assistance;
- Maintain an acceptable scholastic average while receiving funding (equivalent to a "C" average or better (GPA 2.0));
- Remain in frequent contact with his or her assigned committee member, submit copies of current grades or transcripts and other documented scholastic progress.

The number and amounts of Higher Education Funds awarded each year is limited. Should the number of qualified applicants seeking assistance exceed the availability of funds, then the awards will be made on a competitive basis involving committee review of need, scholastic achievement and character.

To enable a student to continue his or her education, grants and scholarships may be awarded to him or her for a period

not exceeding one year at a time. Students must resubmit their financial need through their assigned committee member annually. All awards are generally paid directly to the educational institution or related business. The funds are not to be repaid by the student.

To be eligible for an award, a student must meet the conditions of eligibility, submit a written application to the Higher Education committee in adequate time for review and have been accepted into the education institution. All students must first apply for federal, state or local grant, scholarship or financial aid monies. Applications and recommendations are to be made prior to the academic semester for which assistance is applied.

In order to *remain eligible* for continued funding, a student must maintain good character, refrain from any involvement in the criminal justice system, maintain an average of "C" or better, submit grades after each semester or quarter and maintain responsible contact and communication with the assigned committee member.

Should a student drop courses without discussion with his or her assigned committee member, he or she may be required to take an equivalent number of courses at his or her own expense before being eligible for continued funding.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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DATE OF APPLICATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOLASTIC TERM APPLICATION IS FOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
WORK PHONE

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
STATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH

\_\_\_\_\_  
GENDER

\_\_\_\_\_  
AGE

## IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

In what MHC program/service did you participate?

Adoption     Foster Care     Group Home

When?

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Describe your experience in the program.

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Briefly describe your life situation since leaving MHC.

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## EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

What degree or certification program are you interested in?

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Briefly describe your career goals.

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How will this degree assist you in reaching your educational and life goals?

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What school will you attend?

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Location?

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Have you been accepted? (If yes, please attach a copy of acceptance verification. If no, explain why.)

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What is your target date for completing the degree or program?

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Have you been assigned an advisor through the program? If yes, provide contact information.

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## HOUSING INFORMATION

With whom are you currently living?

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Who currently pays for your housing?

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How will your housing be funded while in school?

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Where will you live while attending school (dormitory, off-campus, relatives, etc.)?

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## EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Are you employed?  Part-time  Full-time  No

If yes, where?

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What are your wages?

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How are you paid?  Hourly  Salary

If not employed, are you currently seeking employment?

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## SUPPORT SYSTEMS *please provide at least one*

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FAMILY CONTACT NAME

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PHONE

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FRIEND CONTACT NAME

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PHONE

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OTHER CONTACT NAME (PLEASE INDICATE RELATIONSHIP)

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PHONE

## FUNDING SUPPORT

Fostering Brighter Futures

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CONTACT NAME

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PHONE

NC Reach/ETV

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CONTACT NAME

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PHONE

Other Scholarship

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CONTACT NAME

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PHONE

## FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR

EXPECTED EXPENSES	\$ AMOUNT
<b>Scholastic Needs</b>	
Books and supplies	\$ _____
Student fees	\$ _____
Tuition	\$ _____
<b>On-Campus Housing</b>	
Dormitory/housing fees	\$ _____
Food/meal plan	\$ _____
<b>Off-Campus Housing</b>	
Cable & internet	\$ _____
Food	\$ _____
Rent	\$ _____
Water & utilities	\$ _____
<b>Personal</b>	
Cell phone	\$ _____
Child care	\$ _____
Clothing	\$ _____
Medical bills & insurance	\$ _____
Other expenses (credit card payments, etc)	\$ _____
Transportation (gas, bus, car payment)	\$ _____
<b>Other</b>	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL EXPECTED NEEDS:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF YOUR FINANCIAL REQUEST FROM MHC?**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

EXPECTED INCOME	\$ AMOUNT
<b>Personal Resources</b>	
Family assistance	\$ _____
Savings	\$ _____
Work earnings/unemployment	\$ _____
<b>Outside Resources</b>	
Disability benefits	\$ _____
ETV funding	\$ _____
NC Reach	\$ _____
PELL Grant	\$ _____
Other scholarships	\$ _____
Other financial aid	\$ _____
<b>Other Resources</b>	
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL EXPECTED INCOME:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

If you need additional space to answer any of the questions on this application or to share other helpful information, please continue on a separate sheet of paper and return with the completed application. **Please contact Claudia Wiggins with any questions: 919.754.3656 or cwiggins@mhfc.org.**

*Return this completed application to:*  
**Claudia Wiggins**  
 Administrative Assistant for HELP  
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 Raleigh, NC 27605-1259  
 FAX: 919.534.1763