



Community Engagement Scholars Program

Application Instructions

Scholar Position Specifics:

- 10 undergraduate positions available
- Program runs from August 2026-April 2027
- Education stipend/ project pay (approximately \$2500/semester)
- 15 hours average/week, **No less than a 12 hour/week commitment at a partner site with community partner organization** - Majority of this time will be scheduled between 8am-6pm, Monday-Friday with some/ limited evening and weekend availability
- Required cohort meetings twice monthly for professional development and reflective learning
- Scholar will be required to contribute to an ongoing reflection portfolio throughout the program
- Transportation resources provided
- Pre-engagement Training and Orientation Required

An ideal applicant for this position will be flexible, comfortable with ambiguity of work, and has interest in and/or experience working in community and economic development as well as the ability to commit for the full 2026-2027 academic year (August 2026-April 2027).

Program Overview:

- The MSU Community Engagement Scholars Program is an initiative offered by the Center for Community Engaged Learning and the Office of the President in partnership with community organizations in Michigan. Students selected as Scholars will be paired with a primary community organization to complete projects and/or other opportunities of interest to the community organization.
- This program requires students to spend no less than 12 hours a week working with their community partner. Average engagement time with the program each week is 12-15 hours, which includes required cohort meetings.
- The scope of the student project(s) can range from project management and infrastructure to communications and data collection, with additional opportunities to serve with neighborhood/community/ and economic development organizations and other local nonprofits!
- Students will develop and engage in the CESP cohort, together scholars will design and implement a cohort project, participate in professional development workshops, and take part in reflective learning and learn from one another

To apply, please submit materials via Qualtrics, by 11:59 p.m. on March 13, 2026.

https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Gh2VQ1Pa8Js1ro

- A professional resume
- Statement of Interest, limited to two pages, highlighting your experience with community engagement, your interest in community-engaged and civic learning, and what you hope to gain from the experience of serving as a MSU Community Engagement Scholar.
- A paragraph expressing how CESP fits in with your academic, professional, and/or extracurricular goals/involvement for the 2026-27 academic year. Please express how you plan to balance your commitments for the year, understanding that CESP requires no less than 12 hours per week with the majority of this time scheduled between 8am-6pm, Monday-Friday.
- The names and contact information of 2 professional references (may be employment or education connections)

Please send all questions to the CESP Coordinator, Madge Bolek, bolekmad@msu.edu.