

Kent Utter Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Application

2026-2027 School Year



Kent Utter Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

HISTORY OF FUND

The Kent Utter Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the Automotive Recyclers of Michigan (ARM) in memory of Kent, our Executive Director, who passed away October 1, 1995, for his many years of service to the Automotive Industry and for his devotion to its members.

Through the thoughtfulness of so many who realized the enormous impact Kent had on his friends, family and contacts, it's fitting that his memory and ambitions are kept alive and well. It seems like all who met or knew Kent realized they were dealing with a man of integrity. He had visions of making Michigan the icon of the automotive recycling industry.

Our industry was in his blood from a young age, as he helped his father (Kent Sr.) at his salvage yard, Baker Auto Parts in Flint, of which he later owned with his best friend and wife Barbara. He had many concerns for the others in this industry and he went to bat for us as our Executive Director and Past President of our Association.

We owe a lot to this man who did more for us than we'll ever know, and what a better way to say thank you than to offer a scholarship to our employees children. Please apply and enjoy another one of your Associations wonderful benefits. "Recycle On" with his memory and his gifts.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Fund is directed by the Board of Directors of the Automotive Recyclers of Michigan. The selection of grant recipients is made by a committee consisting wholly of individuals totally independent and separate from the organization, its organizer and the employer concerned.

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CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION

Applicant must be a dependent of a current full-time employee of a member, in good standing, of the Automotive Recyclers of Michigan for at least one (1) year before May 1st of the year the award is made.

Applicants must be enrolled as a high school senior, and/or plan to continue or pursue a post high school program in a college, university or school providing trade, business or technical programs.

First-time applicants must have achieved at least a 3.0 grade point average, or the equivalent in their previous educational program.

A renewal Scholarship is not guaranteed. You must re-apply each year, and include your most recent transcripts and letters of recommendation.

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION

Request that your high school (college or trade school if you are currently attending) send a transcript of your academic records and a copy of your SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) or ACT (American College Test) results to the ARM office.

- Employee/Parent/Guardian Certification.
- Applicant Information.
- Student Profile.
- Information Verification.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (non-family)

All required application documentation is due by May 31st. Email application documents to arm@mi.automotiverecyclers.org.

EMPLOYER/PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION

This form is to be completed by parent, stepparent or legal guardian (s) of applicant and signed by employer.

I certify the following to be true and correct:

1. The ARM Scholarship Applicant is a dependent student who receives financial assistance from me.
2. The Kent Utter Jr. Memorial Scholarship applicant is claimed by me individually or jointly as a dependent for federal tax purposes.

Name of parent, stepparent or legal guardian who is currently employed by a MEMBER in good standing, of the Automotive Recyclers of Michigan for at least one full year before May 1st of the year the award is made.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Starting Date of Employment: _____

Position: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone #: _____

ARM Member: _____

Signature

Date

STUDENT PROFILE

Please answer each question as precise as possible. You may complete your answers on a separate sheet if necessary.

1. State briefly what type of person you consider yourself to be? What self-improvements have you made? What self-improvements would you like to make?
2. What career paths have you chosen for your future?
3. Why have you chosen this career?
4. What are your goals in this career? What do you personally want to achieve?
5. Do you feel your academic records are accurate with your potential? Please explain.

6. Have you received any Academic Honors, awards, or recognitions? Please explain.

7. Please list all High School activities which you have been involved in and length of involvement.

8. List all Community Services you have been involved in and length of involvement.

9. Which activities or community services have contributed most to your development? Why?

10. On a separate sheet of paper, please write a brief story of your life and tell us about the person/persons who have been most influential in your life.

Please list newspapers in your area so that we may send an announcement if you should receive a scholarship from the Kent Utter Jr. Memorial Fund.

Newspaper _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Signature _____

INFORMATION VERIFICATION

Applicant Information and Student Profile must be completed by the student. Failure to complete any portion of this application, provide any of the required documentation, and/or knowingly furnish incorrect information, may cause revocation of the Scholarship, if granted.

APPLICANT

I certify that the information provided in this application is correct and that I will provide any additional information if requested.

Applicant's Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S INFORMATION

I (we) certify that the information provided is true and reflects the household at this time.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Thank you for applying and Best of Wishes for your future.