

# FSS

# JOURNAL

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## JEAN MCKEE RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 8!

The Jean McKee Resident Scholarship competition awards college scholarships of up to \$2,000 to GRHC residents, with a preference for graduating high school seniors and FSS Program participants. For complete information and the application form: <http://www.grhousing.org/pdf/2018scholarship.pdf>

## PASSPORT TO SUCCESS ORIENTATION & JOB FAIR

Job search, interviewing, budgeting workshops, plus on-site Job Fair!  
Sheldon Apartments  
1010 Sheldon Ave. SE  
12-2 p.m. on each of these dates:  
4/24/18 | 7/24/18 | 10/23/18

Call or email to RSVP:  
(616) 970-8265  
[loesch@grhousing.org](mailto:loesch@grhousing.org)

## SECTION 8 HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM ORIENTATIONS

All orientations will be held at Wyoming Public Library  
3350 Michael Ave. SW, Wyoming  
2 p.m. on each of these dates:  
6/19/18 | 9/18/18 | 12/11/18

For complete program information: 616/450-4825 or [grhousing.org/homeowner.html](http://grhousing.org/homeowner.html)



GRAND RAPIDS HOUSING COMMISSION  
Family Self-Sufficiency Program  
1420 Fuller Ave. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49507  
616/235-2600



## GRHC “Passport to Success” to Host Job Fairs!

Looking for a great new career? Explore one of the job fairs featured as part of a new “Passport to Success” initiative the GRHC is offering in partnership with West Michigan Works.

**Job fairs will held from noon-2 p.m. at Sheldon Apartments, 1010 Sheldon Avenue SE, on the following dates:**

**April 24  
July 24  
October 23**

A list of participating employers will be available on the GRHC Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/grhousing](http://www.facebook.com/grhousing), the week before each event. Employers that participated in the January job fair included Effex Management Solutions, Hope Network, Manpower, Michigan

Turkey, Snelling GR, Speedway, Teleperformance and Williamson Employment. Job Fairs are open to all GRHC residents as well as to the public.

In conjunction with the job fairs, each “Passport to Success” event also features informational tools available exclusively to Grand Rapids Housing Commission residents, including...

- Resume writing workshop
- Workshop to build job search and interviewing skills
- Budgeting workshop

“Passport to Success” offers incentive awards to program participants who find and maintain employment.

**To RSVP for any “Passport to Success” event, please call Laura Oesch at (616) 970-8265 or email [loesch@grhousing.org](mailto:loesch@grhousing.org).**

## Educational Resources



### Tween Summer Science Camp

Grand Valley State University offers a free one-week Summer Health Activities and Professions Exploration (sHaPe) day camp for children currently in grades 7 and 8. Students participate in activities that provide hands-on exposure to a variety of health professions, including physical therapy, medical lab science and sports medicine. Hot lunch is provided. For more information: (616) 331-3031.

### Trio Student Support Program

The Grand Rapids Community College Trio Program helps first-generation college students who meet federal income guidelines achieve success at GRCC and transfer to the college or university of their choice. Services include academic advising, peer mentoring, financial aid counseling, tutoring and more. For more information: (616) 234-4150.

### Supporting Our Leaders Program

The Hispanic Center of Western Michigan offers a Supporting Our Leaders (SOL) Program that provides Latino youth with the resources and tools needed to graduate from high school and enter college or the workforce. Services include after-school tutoring, college and career preparation, drop-out prevention services, job readiness training, service learning and volunteer opportunities, and paid work experiences. For more information: (616) 246-0563.

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<http://www.grhousing.org>

## Congratulations, FSS Program Graduates!



*March 2018 Family Self-Sufficiency Program graduates and GRHC Resident Services staff celebrate during a special event in the Sheldon Apartments Community Room.*

Congratulations to our March Family Self-Sufficiency Program graduates:

Kara Badger  
Swanzella Carter  
Shakeya Crawford  
Kiara Dandridge  
Elizabeth Farley

David & Rhonda Garmon  
Kahillia Harris  
Amanda Major  
Sherman McLaughlin

Monica Pierce  
Tanisha Powell  
Carla Rodriguez-Negron  
Jamie Sheppard

### Job Training and Placement Tools

#### TEMP-TO-HIRE PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Workforce Strategies (WSGI) is a temporary-to-hire job placement program. The primary employer for this program is Rosberry Farms. Apply online at <https://wsitalent.com> or in person at 1960 28th St. SE. For more information: (616) 957-8199.

#### GRCC PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY

The GRCC Public Works Academy is a program for ages 18 and older that offers training and internship opportunities in a variety of in-demand technical, manufacturing and distribution fields. The program runs April 11-May 23. Participants must have a high school diploma or GED. For more information: (616) 234-3800.

#### OUR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN LEAD PROGRAM (CITY AND GRPS)

The Leadership and Employment, Achievement and Direction (LEAD) Program offers ages 15-24 training in civic engagement, leadership and employability skills. Application deadlines: April 16 for spring and May 28 for summer. Details at <http://ourcommunitychildren.com> or 616-456-3558.

### Urban League Financial Seminar

The Grand Rapids Urban League hosts a financial seminar the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 5-7 p.m. The seminar features an in-depth look at establishing, monitoring and using credit. For more information or to register: (616) 245-2207, ext. 209.

### Mental Health/Substance Abuse

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration offers a free 24/7 confidential help line for individuals and family members facing mental and/or substance abuse disorders. English and Spanish-language services are available 365 days a year at 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

### YMCA Healthy Living Hubs

The YMCA offers Healthy Living Hubs at 15 locations in partnership with churches, schools and other organizations. Programs and activities include free fitness classes, cooking classes and other family-centered activities. On-site class registration is required. For details: <https://www.grymca.org/activate/access/healthy-living-hubs/>.

### Wave Smart Card for The Rapid

The Rapid offers a convenient new reloadable Wave smart card that makes paying fares easy. For more information: [www.ridetherapid.org/the-wave](http://www.ridetherapid.org/the-wave).