

ROGERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY-BASED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

MARCH 12th, 2021



CLASS OF 2021: **RHS** ♦ **RHHS** ♦ **RNTHS**

2020-2021 RPS COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PACKET

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021

Applications and additional documentation must be submitted online before 11:59 PM
LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

IMPORTANT: Please read the following directions before beginning your application.

Each scholarship in this packet uses one online scholarship application form (unless otherwise noted). Even though each scholarship shares a basic application form, additional documentation may vary based on the specific scholarship requirements. Read the criteria for each scholarship carefully and follow the directions. Applications must be submitted electronically through the online application system called Smarter Select.

Read through the Scholarship Packet. The packet can be found on your school's scholarship website or you may pick up a hard copy from your Scholarship Coordinator. Community Scholarships are listed first. Go through the list to see what scholarships you qualify for and if they have extra required documents.

How to access the Community Application:

Access the Community Application link from your School's website: [Rogers New Tech High School Scholarships](#)
You will need to create an account in Smarter Select. Remember your login information. You will need that login information each time you access your account to work on your application. You will only fill out the Community Application once, even though you may be applying for multiple scholarships.

Application Sections:

1. Instructions
2. Student Information
3. Parent/Guardian Information
4. Sibling Information
5. Plans Following Graduation from High School
6. Estimated Expenses First Year
7. Financial Information
8. School Related Extra-Curricular Activities
9. Awards and Honors
10. Community Involvement
11. Hobbies and Leisure Activities
12. Work Experience
13. References (Names only – no letter required)
14. Essay
15. Transcript
16. Test Scores
17. Photo
18. Scholarships that require additional documentation
19. Parent Statement
20. Submit and Consent

FINAL STEP – Community Scholarship Checklist

At the end of the application, you will see a link to a required Google Form where all the community scholarships are listed. You must put a check mark by each scholarship you want to apply to, as this form will tell us where to send your application. **If you do not put a check by the scholarship, your application will not be sent to that donor.**

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES	
February 1	Community Scholarship Packets Distributed
March 12	Community Scholarship Application Deadline @ 11:59 PM
May 6	RNTHS Scholarship Ceremony
May 10	RHHS Scholarship Ceremony
May 11	RHS Scholarship Ceremony

***** Congratulations Class of 2021 - you are almost there! *****

HELPFUL TIPS TO REMEMBER

- If you have questions or need help with the Community Scholarship Application, contact your Scholarship Coordinator in person, by email or via Remind. All this information and more can be found on your HHS, RHS and New Tech scholarship website. (main page > Support > Scholarships)
- Read this packet carefully and pay close attention to the requirements for each scholarship. Some of our scholarships only require the community scholarship application. Some of our scholarships require extra documents - i.e. letter of recommendation, FAFSA Student Aid Report, separate application. If a scholarship requires extra information, there will be a section in the application where you will upload it and your application for that scholarship will be considered incomplete until all extra documents are attached.
- You can apply to ALL the scholarships that you meet the requirements for – THERE IS NO LIMIT!
- Do not procrastinate! It is easy to tell when an application has been rushed or not given thoughtful consideration. There are several scholarships that require extra documents in addition to the community scholarship application, which will require extra time to collect on your part. Waiting until the last minute to start the process may result in you missing the deadline.
- Take your time in completing the application questions and writing your essay. Use proper grammar and punctuation. Ask at least three people to look over your application before you submit it. Remember that this application is the only tool the donors have to make their decision on who will be awarded their scholarship.
- There is a parent statement section on the application. This will be your parents' opportunity to brag on you and offer information about your personal/financial situation that may not be reflected in the application. It can be written in Spanish and we will have it translated. It is not required, but it is highly recommended as donors very often use the parent statement in deciding scholarship winners.
- You will be asked to provide names and contact information for three references. Be sure to ask before you list them so they will know that a donor might contact them. Reference contacts are not required to submit a recommendation letter.
- In the event of a new community scholarship becoming available after the March 12 deadline, a pool of applicants will be determined from submitted community scholarship applications. The donor or the HHS/RHS/NTHS scholarship committee will pick a recipient from that pool.
- If you are selected for a community scholarship, you will be qualified to apply for the Buck Foundation Upperclassmen Awards every year of undergraduate college studies. That application will open in the late fall every year and your invitation to apply will be sent to the email that you leave on file with your Scholarship Coordinator.