

RPSEF GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. GENERAL APPLICANT INFORMATION

FIRST NAME:	LAST NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH: (mm/dd/yy)
HIGH SCHOOL:	CLASS RANK:	GPA:
ADDRESS:		ZIP:
EMAIL ADDRESS:		PHONE:

#1 PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	
EMAIL:	
OCCUPATION:	
#2 PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	
EMAIL:	
OCCUPATION:	

II. RPSEF GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Check the boxes below to verify that you meet all eligibility requirements for these scholarships:

- I am nineteen years of age or younger when applying
- I have attended Richmond Public Schools for at least 1 year
- I have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 or higher
- I currently attend an RPS high school and will graduate during 2017
- I will be accepted into an accredited college/university/community college/technical school before graduation

III. WHICH SCHOLARSHIPS WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR?

The General RPS Education Foundation Scholarship Application offers students the opportunity to apply for MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIPS through ONE APPLICATION. Below are the current scholarships available through this process, along with any special qualifications required for each scholarship.

Check the boxes of ALL SCHOLARSHIPS for which you would like to be considered:

- \$1200 Benjamin Lambert III Scholarship (3)- 3.5+ GPA
- \$1000 Frances Miller Shepperson King Scholarship (1)- Female minority student
- \$1000 Marie Moore Scholarship (1)- 2.5+ GPA, minority student, education major, in-state 4 year college
- \$1000 Reginald and Elizabeth Dyson Scholarship (1)- 3.0+ GPA, single parent household or being raised by grandparents
- \$1000 Suntrust Scholarship (5)- Student plans to major in business
- \$1000 William Pannell Scholarship (1)- 2.0+ GPA

IV. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION RELEVANT TO EXISTING SCHOLARSHIPS

The following questions will determine the eligibility of your application for the scholarships above that have additional required qualifications. **For example:** The Suntrust Scholarship requires that the recipient plans to major in business, therefore to be considered for that scholarship, the applicant must select BUSINESS in response to the question on college major.

What is your Gender? MALE FEMALE

Do you plan to major in business? YES NO

Do you plan to major in education? YES NO

Do you live in a single parent household or with your grandparent(s)? YES NO

Do you plan to attend a 2 year or a 4 year college immediately following high school?

- ACCREDITED TECHNICAL SCHOOL, CERTIFICATE OR TRAINING PROGRAM
- 2 YEAR/ COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- 4 YEAR COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY
- UNSURE

Which of these groups do you identify as belonging to:

- AFRICAN AMERICAN
- AMERICAN INDIAN/ ALASKAN NATIVE
- ASIAN AMERICAN/ PACIFIC ISLANDER
- HISPANIC AMERICAN
- CAUCASIAN
- OTHER _____

V. AWARDS/ HONORS/ ACTIVITIES

Please be sure that both lists are typed and include your name in the upper right hand corner. Lists should include name of the award or activity, grade levels during which you participated, and any special leadership roles held. If you have a resume that includes this information, you may include it instead.

- Attach a list of special recognitions/honors/awards received while in high school (bulleted list are acceptable)
- Attach a list of your extracurricular and community activities (bulleted lists are acceptable)

VI. COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANS

Name of college/university/trade school you plan to attend: _____

Location of the college/university/trade school you plan to attend: _____

What is your intended major or area of study? _____

Have you applied yet? YES NO

Have you been admitted? YES NO

If you have been admitted, please list the Total Tuition and Fees for 1 year at that institution: \$ _____

If you are still undecided as to what college you will attend, please list your top two prospective choices:

1) _____

2) _____

VII. FINANCIAL NEED STATEMENT

Please attach a copy of the **first page of your Student Aid Report (SAR)** from the FAFSA and **1 or 2 typed paragraphs** that explain how you would benefit from being awarded a scholarship. Please title the page "financial need statement" and include your name in the upper right hand corner. Explain any extenuating circumstances you may have. Here are some points that you could consider including:

- How are you currently planning to finance your education? What are your sources of financial aid? Will you get help from family? Are you planning on taking out student loans or private loans? Do you plan to work while attending college?
- What difficulties do you predict in paying for your education? Has there been a change in your family or personal situation that will make it harder for you to pay for college?
- What would you gain from this scholarship? Would it help you to be able to work less so that you can focus on your studies? How will this scholarship help you meet your long-term goals?

VIII. RESOURCES UTILIZED BY STUDENT

Please check the following resources you have accessed or utilized in your college and career planning process:

- RVA Future Center
- RPS School Guidance Counselor
- Career Cruising
- GRASP
- Other(s): _____

IX. SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

On a separate sheet of paper, you will prepare a typed response to one of the essay questions below. Please be sure to check the box for the essay question you have chosen to respond to. Also, be sure to include your name in the upper right hand corner of your essay.

The committee members reading this essay are looking for candidates who best meet the eligibility requirements and the spirit of the donors' intent. Give examples. Be honest. Be authentic. Be yourself, but not overly casual. Read your essay out loud several times to different people—including older people, and get feedback.

The essay should be **no longer than 500 words**. The scholarship essay should also follow a basic **Five Paragraph Format**:

- **First Paragraph:** Introduce yourself and tell in brief, why you feel qualified for the scholarship.
- **Second Paragraph:** Begin to tell your story in the context of the scholarship. How do your qualities fit the application requirements? Be specific.
- **Third Paragraph:** A little deeper background. How have you gotten to this point? Have you overcome any obstacles; physical, financial, personal? Don't get too detailed, but if you have succeeded against some kind of tough odds, you should mention this. This is also the place to put anything unusual or interesting in your background that might help you stand out. Here you might also talk about your long-term plans and why and how you came to those goals.
- **Fourth Paragraph:** How would this scholarship affect your studies? What would it help you do and how would it help you reach your career goals?
- **Fifth Paragraph:** Summarize and reiterate your qualifications

PICK ONE ESSAY QUESTION & WRITE YOUR RESPONSE IN FIVE PARAGRAPH FORMAT (500 WORDS OR LESS)

- Essay Question # 1** – Explain how your future career goals were decided upon and how this scholarship is important in order to reach those goals.
- Essay Question # 2** – Describe the skills you hope to gain in pursuing this course of study and how you will use those skills to benefit your community and/or the world beyond.
- Essay Question # 3** - Describe your most meaningful achievements and how they relate to your field of study and your future goals.

X. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please attach one letter of recommendation from a teacher, school counselor, or administrator **AND** one letter of recommendation from a youth program leader, employer, or coach.

XI. COUNSELOR'S INFORMATION

Please attach a copy of the student's most recent transcript.

CUMULATIVE GPA:	CLASS RANK:	DIPLOMA TYPE:
SAT SCORE (READING/WRITING):	SAT SCORE (MATH):	ACT SCORE:

Certification-- I have reviewed the information contained herein with the student and certify that it is accurate and correct to the best of knowledge and belief.

(School Counselor Signature)

(Date)

XII. Application Checklist

- Completed application
- Awards/recognitions/honors list
- Extracurricular activities/community service list
- Copy of the first page of your Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Financial need statement
- Essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- Counselor's information and signature
- High school transcript
- Application and all attachments postmarked or hand delivered **no later than April 18, 2017**

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