



Dear Rockford Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Applicant,

Congratulations on your decision to further your education!

The Rockford Chamber of Commerce Scholarship award may be used for public, private or community colleges, universities and specialized schools or trades programs directly following your graduation from high school. Only applications that are complete and mailed by midnight Friday, February 9, 2018 will be considered.

To be eligible you must be a high school graduate in the 2017-2018 school year. You must live and attend public or private high school within Algoma, Cannon, Courtland, Plainfield townships and City of Rockford area of Kent County.

If you meet these requirements, complete and send via mail the following:

1. RCC Scholarship Application Form as requested.
2. A letter of reference from a high school administrator, coach, teacher, instructor, or Rockford Chamber of Commerce member. This is limited to one page, typed double-spaced or hand-printed and needs a signature.
3. A response to the essay theme "Opinions in the United States and around the world have become increasingly polarized. How can you as a student and young adult, businesses and the community find common ground to improve quality of life?" This response must be submitted in a two-page, double spaced or hand-printed format.

Mail or E-mail completed application and supporting materials to:

Linda Southwick, Executive Director  
Rockford Chamber of Commerce  
[execdir@rockfordmichamber.com](mailto:execdir@rockfordmichamber.com)  
17 S Monroe Street  
Rockford MI 49341

The winners will be notified by March 9 and announced at the Rockford 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Community EXPO held on Saturday, March 17, 2018. A certificate will be presented to the scholarship winner by a member of the Rockford Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors at their high school honors convocation ceremony (if appropriate).

Please accept my best wishes for success on the paths in life you choose.

Sincerely,

*Michael McGovern*

Michael McGovern, President  
Rockford Chamber of Commerce

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## Rockford Chamber of Commerce 2017 - 2018 Scholarship

### Amount:

2 - \$1,500 Academic Scholarship

2 - \$1,500 Trades Scholarship

### Eligibility and Requirements:

1. Must live and attend public or private high school within Algoma, Cannon, Courtland, Plainfield townships and City of Rockford area of Kent County.
2. Must be a high school senior graduating in the 2017-18 school year.
3. Must be planning to continue on an educational or vocational path following high school graduation.
4. Must complete the scholarship application form.
5. Must receive a reference from a high school administrator, coach, teacher, instructor or Rockford Chamber of Commerce member.
6. Must submit a two-page, double spaced or hand printed response to the Essay theme below.

### Essay Theme:

"Opinions in the United States and around the world have become increasingly polarized. How can you as a student and young adult, businesses and the community find common ground to improve quality of life?"

### Deadline and Key Dates:

1. Completed applications and essays must be mailed and received no later than midnight February 9, 2018. Please send to [execdir@rockfordmichamber.com](mailto:execdir@rockfordmichamber.com) – Subject: Chamber Scholarship.
2. Winner will be notified no later than March 9, 2018.
3. A certificate will be presented to the winner by a member of the Rockford Chamber board at their high school honors convocation (if appropriate). Winner announced at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Rockford Community EXPO, March 17, with the winner invited to accept the award on stage.

### Distribution of Funds:

Funds will be deposited directly with the university, college or continuing education facility.

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Rockford Chamber of Commerce  
2017 - 2018 Scholarship Application

1. Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of your high school \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_
3. List your extracurricular activities \_\_\_\_\_  
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4.  Academic  Trades - Explain your future plans \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Scholarship Checklist
  - Application Form
  - Reference
  - Essay
6. Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS!**

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