



2019 - 2020 Scholarship

Scholarship Award Amounts:

- 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 or the City of Rockford area of Kent County.
2. Must be a high school graduate in the 2019-2020 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 letter from a high school administrator, coach, teacher, instructor or Rockford Chamber of Commerce member. This reference letter is limited to one page, typed (single-spaced) or handwritten and must be signed by the referring individual.
6. Must submit a two-page, double-spaced response to the applicable essay theme below. This must be submitted via mail or as an email attachment (PDF) by the deadline found below.

Essay Themes:

Academic Question: We live in a “post truth” world where opinions and perceptions matter more than facts. Many people seem more likely to resort to name calling rather than finding common ground on differing viewpoints. As a future leader, how will you persuade others and foster cooperation with people who do not agree with you?

Trades Question: Young adults today are encouraged to attend college and pursue professions instead of trade careers. This has affected the growth and strength of the American economy. What is the importance of having more students utilizing their talents and skills as trained tradespeople, and what is a viable solution to reaching more students in your community to educate them on their options as they select a career path?

Deadlines and Key Dates:

1. Completed applications and essays must be received no later than midnight February 7, 2020. Email submissions can be sent to execdir@rockfordmichamber.com as a PDF attachment with the subject line: *Chamber Scholarship*. Mailed submissions can be sent to the address below, attention: Linda Southwick, Executive Director.
2. Winner will be notified no later than March 6, 2020.
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’s will be announced at the 16th Annual Rockford Community EXPO, March 21, 2020, and will be invited to accept the award on stage.

Distribution of Funds: Funds will be deposited directly with the University, college or continuing education facility. Details will be discussed with winners following the Rockford Community EXPO.



2019 - 2020 Scholarship Application

1. Name (printed): _____
Home Address: _____
City/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Email: _____
2. Name of your high school: _____
Address: _____
City/Zip: _____
3. List your extracurricular activities: _____

4. Academic Trades - Explain your future plans: _____

5. Scholarship Checklist:
 - Application Form
 - Reference
 - Essay
6. Applicant's Signature _____

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS!

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