



## 2020 - 2021 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 2020-2021 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 Theme:

**Question:** This past year has been very difficult in so many ways due to the Coronavirus pandemic. How has the pandemic affected you, your education, your family and your community? What key takeaways from this past year will equip you for the future?

### Deadlines and Key Dates:

1. Completed applications and essays must be received no later than midnight February 26 2021, 2020. Email submissions can be sent to [execdir@rockfordmichamber.com](mailto: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 26, 2021.
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). Winners will be featured on the Rockford Chamber Website and included in the quarterly newsletter.

**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.