



2021 - 2022 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 2021-2022 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:

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution are two remarkable and enduring documents which gave reasons and provided the framework for our present form of society and government. They have served us well since being written by our Founding Fathers. Our country today, however, is more fragmented and divided than at any time since the Civil War. There are seemingly insurmountable issues ranging from personal civil rights, group civil rights, immigration, the economy to the political. You are about to move into the era of your life that will stamp you as part of that generation that will be looking for solutions to the nation's problems and will be contemplating how those changes can be made. Both of those will be influenced by being a present member of the Rockford community.

Question: Please discuss one problem that you see we are struggling with in society today and a potential solution to that problem using your personal Rockford Community experience to help us understand the problem and solution.

Deadlines and Key Dates:

1. Completed applications and essays must be received no later than midnight February 4, 2022, 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 4, 2022.
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 17th Annual Rockford Community EXPO, March 19, 2022, 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.



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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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