

RICHMOND COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

TJ Memorial Scholarship Application

Purpose: The Richmond County Educational Foundation TJ Memorial Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students who have a desire to continue their education in the area of the trades industry, career and technical education, or a related career.

For the 2022-2023 school year we will offer two scholarships up to \$4,000. The amount of scholarships will depend on available funds.

Eligibility:

- Must plan to attend a technical school, a specialized training, or have been employed by a trades industry company.
- Must be a graduating senior of Richmond County Public Schools

Criteria:

- Student must be recommended by his/her instructor.
- Student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at his/her home high school as shown on transcript.
- Students must be enrolled as a full-time student at the technical school he/she is attending.
- The following will be considered: School attendance/# excused absences, participation in organizations/clubs/youth activities, community involvement, instructor feedback, and interview.

Scholarships:

- Funds are paid directly to the technical school the recipient is attending.
- Funds are for the next school year only and cannot be put "on hold" if student decides not to attend school in the following school year.
- Funds will be paid once the student's registration and class schedule is received by the RCPS Educational Foundation. It is the student's responsibility to request this information; a letter with all the details will be mailed in June.

Application:

- Completed Application
- Essay
- Letter of recommendation from an instructor (Please attach to application)
- Letter of recommendation from someone other than instructor or family member
- Unofficial (unsealed) transcript of grades from home high school
- All information must be delivered to the Guidance Office by April 21, 2023
- **DO NOT INCLUDE A RECOMMENDATION FROM A FAMILY MEMBER**

*Although not required for scholarship consideration, students are strongly encouraged to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to explore those options meant for financial assistance to college or technical school. Students are also encouraged to apply for other scholarships for which they may be eligible.

I understand that should I be awarded a scholarship but be unable or ineligible to pursue my educational goals, the scholarship will lapse. If more than one student applies the scholarship will go toward the second place finisher.

Foundation Board members will review all applications. **Finalists will be asked to interview with Board members.**

Scholarships are distributed depending on the availability of funds and at the discretion of the Foundation Board.

Students will be notified of the status of their application before the end of the school year. Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, handicap, national origin, or other non-merit factors.

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Full Legal Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number(s) _____

Email Address _____

Student ID Number _____

Grade Point Average (GPA) at Rappahannock High School _____

Honors or Awards at Rappahannock, CBGS, or at NNTC _____

Participation in organizations, clubs, youth organizations _____

Community involvement _____

College or trade school you plan to attend or employment _____

Have you applied for admission? (if attending) Type yes or no _____

Have you been accepted? Type yes or no _____ If you have, attach college/trade school acceptance

letter. **In addition to the criteria on the attached sheet, please provide the following:**

Write an essay and attach it to this form. In addition to answering the questions below, include a brief statement about your personal background and financial need. Give this some thought and be thorough.

- What are your career goals?
- What courses inspired you to pursue this career choice?
- Why is attending college, trade school, or beginning employment important to you?
- How do you plan to be successful in college/technical school or employment?
- Tell us about a personal achievement you are proud of either at school or in your community?

I have read this application packet and agree to the attached criteria. If the college requests me to sign a release before providing this information to the RCPS Education Foundation, I will do so. **The application is due April 21, 2023 to Rappahannock High School Counseling department.**

Student Signature

Date