



Rockwood National Education Association
2024-2025 Application for Scholarships

PURPOSE

As one way of affirming our belief in the importance of continuing education, Rockwood NEA is offering up to \$4,000 total, \$1,000 each, in individual scholarships.

The Rockwood NEA Scholarships are designed to encourage and assist the best and the brightest students to continue their education and enter the honorable field of education.

BACKGROUND

The Rockwood National Education Association is the professional organization that represents educators in the Rockwood School District. Rockwood NEA is an affiliate of the Missouri NEA and the National Education Association. The National Education Association is the largest and oldest professional education association with over 3 million members throughout the United States.

Scholarships are awarded in two ways: to the children of RNEA members, regardless of intended field of study*, and/or any senior in the Rockwood School District who intends to pursue a career in education.

*If there is not an eligible applicant graduating from a Rockwood school, the scholarship can be awarded to a student not graduating from a Rockwood school so long as their parent/legal guardian is an RNEA member.

The funding for all Rockwood NEA Scholarships comes from the Association's commitment to students and their education. We believe continuous learning is the avenue for opportunity by which all people are empowered to be successful and find happiness in their life endeavors.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Scholastic ability, written communication, breadth community/school activities and community service experiences, evidence of leadership, personal references, and interest in entering the field of education will be the major factors in selecting the scholarship recipients.

The RNEA Scholarship Review Committee will review the applications and submit a recommendation of the most qualified applicants to the Rockwood NEA Executive Board for final approval.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Rockwood NEA Member's Scholarship (one-time award)

- Applicant must be the child or dependent of an active Rockwood NEA member.
- Applicant must be a graduating senior who will be pursuing a post-secondary option in the fall.
- Applicant must have a cumulative grade point of 3.0 or higher.
- Applicant's college or career pathway must lead to a degree or certificate from an accredited institution.
- **Applicant must complete and return the application form and required accompanying documents to the counseling office by end of the school day, February 14, 2025.** (In the event of inclement weather that closes school on February 16, the deadline will be the next day that school is in session.) **Or if not a student at a Rockwood high school, applicant must complete and return the application form and required accompanying documents by mail or email by February 14, 2025.**

Rockwood NEA Scholarship (one-time award)

- Applicant must be a graduating senior in the Rockwood School District and will be pursuing a degree in education.
- Applicant must have a cumulative grade point of 3.0 or higher.
- Applicant must be accepted by and enrolled in an accredited college or university.
- **Applicant must complete and return the application form and required accompanying documents to the counseling office by end of the school day, February 14, 2025.** (In the event of inclement weather that closes school on February 16, the deadline will be the next day that school is in session.)

***Note: All writing must be your own, authentic, and original work. You are expected to complete this application without substantive assistance from others. The use of generative artificial intelligence or advanced automated tools (such as Chat GPT) is strictly forbidden. Suspicions about the source of your work could lead to an investigation. Any violation of this policy will immediately and permanently disqualify you from this scholarship opportunity.**

FUND DISBURSEMENT

The scholarship will be paid to the recipient upon proof of enrollment for educational advancement. Please send a copy of your class schedule and tuition bill to the following address by July 31, 2025:

Rockwood NEA
955 Gardenvue Office Pkwy
St. Louis, MO 63141

Thank you for participating in the Rockwood NEA Scholarship Program. If you have any questions, please contact your college and career counselor or the Rockwood NEA at 314-392-1277 or president@rnea.org.



Rockwood National Education Association Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name and Personal Email:

High School:

Phone Number (Personal/Home/Parent):

Home Address:

RNEA Member's Name (if applicable):

RNEA Member's Position and Building (if applicable):

Name of post-secondary institution you will attend:

Address of post-secondary institution:

REQUIREMENTS

1. Complete the applicant information questions above.
2. On a separate sheet, please complete a **detailed listing of both your school activities AND of your community service**. Be sure to **highlight any leadership roles held**. You may include any other activities you deem appropriate that would help us make our choice, but please only include activities you have participated in **since entering high school**. Please also **list any honors, recognitions, or awards earned**. Be sure to submit a formal, professional document.
3. Write a multi-paragraph **essay** that is **at least one page in length**, typed and double-spaced, and responds to the prompt: *How do you plan to use your career path to make a positive difference in our world?*
4. Request a copy of your **high school transcript**.
5. Ask **THREE** adults/teachers from your junior/senior years OR a community service adult leader to each submit a **confidential recommendation form**. Give each a copy of the recommendation form. These recommendations forms should be turned in by the preparer directly **to the RSD College and Career Counselor** or **sent directly to RNEA via mail/email**.
6. Rockwood seniors: Submit items 1-3 to your College & Career Counselor by the end of the school day February 14, 2025. Ask them to please attach items 4 and 5. (In the event of inclement weather that closes school on February 14, the deadline will be the next day that school is in session.)
7. RNEA member dependent seniors outside of Rockwood: Submit items 1-4 via mail/email by February 14, 2025. Plan ahead if sending them through the US Postal Service; send them prior to the deadline to ensure they are delivered by then. All confidential recommendations should also be received by then as well, so please give your teacher or community service leader time before the deadline to complete and send the recommendation.



**Rockwood National Education Association
Scholarship Recommendation Form (Confidential)**

The RNEA Scholarship Committee appreciates your cooperation so we can better get to know the applicants for our scholarships. Please evaluate the listed applicant on the following criteria and return this form to the RSD High School College & Career Counselor by **February 14, 2024**. If the student does not attend a Rockwood High School, please scan and email this form to president@rnea.org or mail to Rockwood NEA, 955 Gardenvue Office Pkwy, St. Louis, MO 63141. **Do NOT give this recommendation form to the applicant for submission.**

Name of applicant:	Name of person preparing this recommendation, and relationship to student:
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The following information will be used to supplement the student's academic information. Please complete the items on the rating scale which reflects your perspective of this applicant's skills. Please **rate and comment** about this individual with respect to their peers by placing an X in the appropriate block.

	Superior	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	No Basis for Rating
1. Personality Ability to make favorable impression, friendliness, courteousness						
2. Attitude Cooperativeness, receptiveness to criticism or suggestions, positivity						
3. Maturity Emotional conduct, responsible behavior						
4. Originality and Initiative Creative ability, imagination, soundness of ideas						
5. Motivation Thoroughness, desire to accomplish objectives, drive, persistence						

	Superior	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	No Basis for Rating
6. Dependability Ability to get results, reliability, promptness, attendance						
7. Communication Skills (written and oral) Clarity in messages, ability to confidently address and adjust to audience, grammar						
8. Interpersonal Skills Leadership, participation in groups, ability to contribute and collaborate						
General Comments - PLEASE comment on the above characteristics or on the special qualities of this applicant.						
Signature of person preparing this recommendation			Academic Subject Area/Title			