

School of the Arts Counseling Department (Grades 10-12)

NEWSLETTER- February 2026

COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

College Research Websites:

- **SchoolLinks- Access through your RoConnect Dashboard**
- **College Board Big Future:** <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- **State University of New York (SUNY):** www.suny.edu

College Application Process:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/13Z0C4yALRY406AijqMEV7bhdcqx4JpDfjNkizh7Oq8/edit?usp=sharing>

- ❖ **Create a Common Application account:** www.commonapp.org and remember to write down your username and password to access in the fall
- ❖ **Please add ALL colleges you are applying to in your SchoolLinks account..** This is how we will send transcripts, school reports, and letters of recommendation. You can access SchoolLinks through your ROConnect dashboard on your Chromebook. Please see our **College Application Process** document for more information-
<https://www.rcsdk12.org/cms/lib/NY01001156/Centricity/Domain/5271/College%20Application%20Process%20for%20Seniors.pdf> .

Rochester Education Foundation: <http://rochestercan.org/>. For help with college/ financial aid related questions and FAFSA Fest information.

RCSD College Ready Resource Page: <https://www.rcsdk12.org/Page/55421>

NEW YORK STATE HESC (Higher Education Services Corporation):

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/>

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)- Online form available October 2025-

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>

SUNY (State University of New York) UPDATES: www.suny.edu

SAT/ ACT UPDATES

SAT SCHOOL DAY ADMINISTRATION- Thursday, March 26:

- JUNIORS ONLY
- No payment or registration necessary

Weekend Test Administrations:



SAT

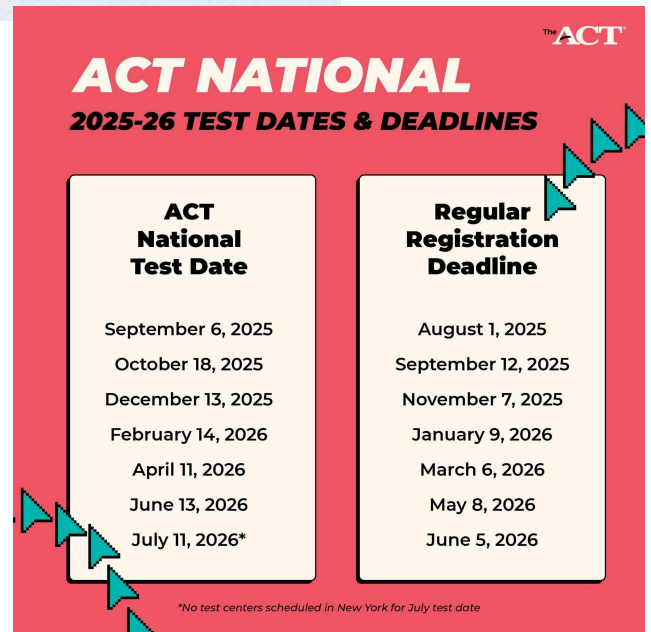
SAT Dates and Deadlines

Fall 2025

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 23	August 8	August 12
NEW September 13	August 29	September 2
October 4	September 19	September 23
November 8	October 24	October 28
December 6	November 21	November 25

Fee Waivers- Please see your counselor if you think you may qualify for an SAT or ACT fee waiver.

SAT Test Day Reminders- Arrive at your testing site on time, bring your Admission Ticket, photo ID, a calculator, #2 pencils, and any drink/snack you would like. You will not be admitted without your Admission Ticket and Photo ID.



ACT NATIONAL
2025-26 TEST DATES & DEADLINES

ACT National Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline
September 6, 2025	August 1, 2025
October 18, 2025	September 12, 2025
December 13, 2025	November 7, 2025
February 14, 2026	January 9, 2026
April 11, 2026	March 6, 2026
June 13, 2026	May 8, 2026
July 11, 2026*	June 5, 2026

*No test centers scheduled in New York for July test date

COLLEGE VISITS @ SOTA

- ❖ **SOTA will host visits with College Admissions Representatives on Tuesdays and Thursdays.** We have College Admissions Representatives from the schools list below coming to SOTA. If you are interested in meeting with any of these colleges, please register through your **SchoolLinks** account, which can be found on your RoConnect dashboard. Once you are on your SchoolLinks account, go to the tabs on the left side of the screen, click on "School", then "Events". Here you will find a list of all the colleges signed up to visit SOTA and you can register to attend. All visits will be in the Ensemble Theatre unless otherwise noted.

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES/ COLLEGE FAIRS

- ❖ **SUNY Campus Visit Opportunities-** suny.edu/visit
- ❖ **SUNY Virtual Events/ Information Sessions-** suny.edu/studentevents
- ❖ **SUNY Fredonia Open House Events-** April 25-
<https://www.fredonia.edu/admissions-aid/visit-tour>
- ❖ **SUNY Canton Open House-** April 25- www.canton.edu/admissions/open_house.html
- ❖ **SUNY Alfred State Open House-** March 22, April 11-
<https://admissions.alfredstate.edu/portal/open-house>
- ❖ **Monroe Community College Open House-** February 27-<https://www.monroecc.edu/events/spring-open-house/>
- ❖ **University of Rochester Research Rochester Open House-** February 16 and March 31-
admissions.rochester.edu/visit/research-rochester
- ❖ **SUNY Morrisville Open House-** March 28
-<https://admissions.morrisville.edu/register/march28-openhouse>
- ❖ **College 101 Program at MCC-** March 11, 6:00-8:00 pm, students and parents welcome-
<https://connect.monroecc.edu/register/?id=3a94bab0-6479-43d9-a9fd-a7358d2d4051>

SCHOLARSHIPS

- **MANY OF THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SOTA WEBSITE. Go to Counselor's Corner and click "Scholarship File Cabinet".**
- **Go to SchoolLinks through RoConnect to access more scholarships.**
- **Go to www.studentscholarships.org , www.fastweb.com , <https://www.goingmerry.com/> or www.racf.org/Scholarships/How-to-Apply-or-Renew , <https://rochestereducation.scholarships360.org/> to find more private scholarships you may be eligible for.**
- ❖ **University of Rochester- Rochester Promise Program-** For any senior accepted to the U of R under regular admission, planning to enroll full-time. You are NOT eligible for the scholarship if your parent qualifies for any U of R employer tuition waivers or if your household income is more than twice the Monroe County average (approximately \$150,000). Full tuition scholarship (does not include room and board).
<https://admissions.rochester.edu/national-and-international-partners/>

- ❖ **Rochester Institute of Technology Rochester Destler/Johnson City Scholars Program-** For any senior interested in attending RIT and is accepted under regular admission, meets the requirements, and has a household income under \$75,000/ year. Full tuition scholarship (does not include room and board). Must apply to RIT and submit FAFSA by January 15. <https://www.rit.edu/aes/destlerjohnson-rochester-city-scholars>



The Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars Program was created in 2010. This unique program offers full-tuition scholarships for full-time first-year students from public, including select charter, high schools within the Rochester City School District, and the Urban-Suburban Interdistrict Transfer Program.

Admitted students are eligible for full tuition covered through a combination of RIT scholarships and state and federal need-based grants.

Scholarship Program Requirements:

- Students must live in the city and attend an approved high school within the district, or Urban Suburban school, for the last three years of high school.
- **Students should apply for admission by January 15** to ensure full consideration. **The \$65 application fee is waived.** (Applications received after January 15 will be considered as long as space and funds remain available.)
- Must be accepted through RIT's regular admission standards and **enroll full-time** at RIT in the fall semester after graduation.
- The high school counselor, or Urban Suburban Program Director, must submit RIT's electronic Student Eligibility Certification form.
- Must file a valid FAFSA and be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen to be reviewed by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. The student's total annual family income (including taxed and untaxed income) must not exceed \$75,000.
- **Once the offer of admission is accepted, the \$500 enrollment deposit will be waived.**

DDI Summer Experience

Students admitted to the Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars program are required to participate in the **Division of Diversity and Inclusion's Summer Experience**, which is a fully funded residential summer program providing personalized one-on-one academic coaching, academic skills enhancement, a strong support network, and the opportunity to **earn up to six RIT college credits.**

First-year, Lah May Paw, was asked: How did the DDI Summer Experience help her prepare for her first semester, academically and socially:

"The DDI SE program helped prepare me for my first semester by showing me how I can stay on track with my classes and spend time with my friends. I need to make a weekly or monthly planner in order to succeed academically and socially. The program also opened a connection for me. With my peer advisor and my academic coach, I now know where to get help, make new friends, join clubs, and receive information that might interest me."



- ❖ **Excelsior Scholarship**- For any senior interested in attending a SUNY or CUNY school and is accepted under regular admission, meets the requirements, and has a household income under \$100,000/ year. Full tuition scholarship (does not include room and board). Go to <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/the-excelsior-scholarship.html> for more information and to apply.
- ❖ **St. John Fisher College- Fisher Urban Scholar Award**- \$40,000 over 4 years for first-year undergraduates from the RCSD that are accepted to St. John Fisher College. Students will also be eligible to receive additional merit aid and scholarships, including the Service Scholarship and First Generation Scholarship.
- ❖ **Nazareth University/ RCSD Direct Admission Program**- Any senior with a B average (80) or higher will be eligible for Direct Admissions to Nazareth and offered \$23,000/ annually. Seniors must apply to Nazareth through the Common Application. <https://www2.naz.edu/admissions/rochester-city-school-district-naz>
- ❖ **Rochester Area Community Foundation (RACF) Scholarships**- RACF has many scholarships available, some specifically for RCSD seniors. Go to <https://www.racf.org/scholarships/search-for-scholarships/> to search for scholarships and apply. Go to scholarship file cabinet to access the RACF document listing of specific scholarships for RCSD students and criteria. **Application open December 1- February 28.**
- ❖ **College Board BIG FUTURE Scholarships**- This is a scholarship program for **JUNIORS** and **SENIORS**. Monthly scholarship winners are drawn when you complete steps. Go to <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships?excmid=vt-00248> for more information and to get started.
- ❖ **Nazareth University Visit Grant**- Visit the Nazareth campus during the fall semester for a \$1,000 (non-renewable) grant.
- ❖ **Daughters of the American Revolution Polly F. Burke Memorial Scholarship**- For any senior with an outstanding academic record, planning to attend college, demonstrates community service. \$1000 award. Go to the scholarship file cabinet for application. Deadline to apply- March 1.
- ❖ **Niagara University Full Flight Scholarship**- For students that are admitted to Niagara and whose family income is \$80,000 or less per year. This is a full tuition grant (\$37,000/ year). Applicants must file their FAFSA form to qualify. <https://www.niagara.edu/tuition-aid/scholarships-grants/full-flight-scholarship/>
- ❖ **BigSun Athletic Scholarship**- All senior student-athletes are eligible to apply. \$500 award. Go to <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> for more information and to apply. Deadline- June 19.
- ❖ **The Summit Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program**- Four scholarships available:

Summit's 2026 Scholarship Program (deadline to apply- February 28)- Must be a current member of the Summit Federal Credit Union (new members welcome to apply) and plan to attend college in the fall.

Rochester Chapter of the New York Credit Union Association Scholarship (deadline to apply- February 28)- Must be a member in good standing of New York credit union.

Summit's Skilled Trade Scholarship- (deadline to apply- February 28)- Must be a current member of the Summit Federal Credit Union (new members welcome to apply) and plan to pursue an Associate's Degree, Certificate, or diploma at a trade school, technical certificate program, or apprentice program.

Go to <https://www.summitfcu.org/join-the-summit/services-benefits/scholarships/> for more information on each scholarship and how to apply.



The flyer features the Summit Federal Credit Union logo at the top left, with the tagline "ELEVATING the ordinary". To the right, it reads "The Summit Federal Credit Union's 2026 Scholarship Program". A large blue banner with white text says "Attention Seniors!". Below this, it states "The Summit Federal Credit Union's 2026 scholarships window is now open!". A circular image shows two graduates in caps and gowns. To the right of the image is a list of four scholarships: Rochester NYCUA Chapter Scholarship, New York Credit Union Association Scholarship, The Summit's Scholarship, and The Summit's Skilled Trade Scholarship. Below the list, it specifies that applications for the New York Credit Union Association Scholarship must be received by January 9, 2026, and all others by February 28, 2026. At the bottom, it says "Scan here to find out more and apply today!" next to a QR code.

- ❖ **Horatio Alger Association Scholarship**- For **JUNIORS and SENIORS** planning to attend college after high school, 2.50 minimum GPA, demonstrate financial need, participate in extracurricular activities and community service, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity. Go to <https://horatioalger.org/scholarships-and-services/> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply: Juniors- March 1, Seniors- February 15.

- ❖ **TMCF/McDonald's Black and Positively Golden Scholarship**- For any senior planning to attend a HBCU next fall, 80 GPA, demonstrate leadership, demonstrate financial need. Go to <https://tmcf.org/open-scholarships/2026-2027-tmcf-mcdonalds-black-and-positively-golden-scholarship/> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- April 24.
- ❖ **Utica University Pioneer Passport Scholarship**- Students who are accepted to Utica University, are a NY state resident, and annual family income of \$65,000 or less will be granted free tuition. Go to <https://www.utica.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid/pioneer-passport> for more information.
- ❖ **IBERO Scholarship**- For any senior of Hispanic origin planning to attend college in the fall, 3.0 GPA or better. At least one parent of Hispanic origin from one of the following places: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, Uruguay or Venezuela. Go to <https://www.iber.org/scholarship/> to apply. Deadline to apply- March 6.
- ❖ **Charlotte Community Association (CCA) Edward Watson Memorial Scholarship**- For any senior that resides in the Charlotte neighborhood of the city and plans to attend college, trade school, or vocational/technical program in the fall. \$1000 award. Go to the scholarship file cabinet for application. Deadline to apply- June 30.

Rochester Area Community Foundation Scholarship Portal Now Open!

SCHOLARSHIPS

	 <p>THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION</p>	<p>OVER \$1.5M AWARDED IN 2025</p>
		<p>130+ LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS</p>
		
		<p>*NEW* CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION Due February 28</p>

Find more info at racf.org/Scholarships

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS



Are you an accomplished female high school senior in the Greater Rochester area who excels in **leadership & community service** with an innate ability to express yourself?

Apply for our Young Women of Distinction scholarship award today!

Scan the QR code for Scholarship Application
Apply online by **Friday, March 20, 2026**



The **Young Women of Distinction Scholarship Award**, presented by Greater Rochester Chamber through its Women's Council initiative, has **honored exceptional female high school seniors for over 25 years**. The Young Women of Distinction program celebrates young women who demonstrate leadership, community involvement, and a commitment to being an inspiration to others.



Questions? Contact Events Specialist **Becca DePrez** at Becca.DePrez@GreaterRochesterChamber.com

- ❖ **SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design) Distinguished Scholars Award**- For seniors who have applied to SCAD for fall 2026. 90 GPA, leadership skills, artistic, academic achievement. \$25,000 award toward tuition. See your counselor if interested. Deadline- February 15.
- ❖ **Alfred University AU Scholars Award**- For any junior interested in applying to Alfred University. \$30,000 scholarship per year. Must meet admissions guidelines. See your counselor if interested. Deadline- April 15.
- ❖ **ESL Federal Credit Union Scholarship**- For any senior that is a member at ESL in good standing, planning to attend 2 or 4-year college in the fall. \$2000 award. Go to www.esl.org/scholarship to apply or see your counselor for an application. Deadline to apply- March 6.
- ❖ **Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Scholarship**- High school seniors of Italian descent, planning to continue study at an accredited educational institution following high school graduation. Go to <https://sonsofitalyrochester.com/scholarships.htm> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- March 31.
- ❖ **Student-View Scholarship** - For any senior that plans to attend college or trade school in the fall. Take a survey about colleges in the area and your name will be entered for a random drawing. Awards range from \$500- \$5,000. Go to www.student-view.com to apply. Deadline to apply- April 23.
- ❖ **Willson, Reaves, Spearman, and Simmons (WRSS) Scholarship Foundation**- For any senior planning to attend 2-year college, 4-year college, or vocational institution in the fall. \$1000 award. Go to <https://wrssscholarshipfoundation.org/scholarship/> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- April 17.
- ❖ **Corn Hill Neighbors Association Tysean Williams Memorial Scholarship**- For any senior planning to attend 2 or 4 year college in the fall, 75 GPA. **\$4,000 award for a SOTA student.** Essay required-”Describe what you are most proud of in your personal journey, the experiences or people who have most influenced your values, how you hope to positively impact your community and what you hope to gain from your college experience as you work toward those goals.” Go to the scholarship file cabinet for application. Deadline to apply- April 30.
- ❖ **2026 Molly Efron Technical Women’s Scholarship**- All female Monroe County high school graduating seniors who are attending a STEM program at an accredited four-year college or university in the Fall of 2026 are eligible. Three winners will be presented with a \$1,000 scholarship and will be selected based upon their GPA, a letter of recommendation, and an essay. The applicants can complete both the online application and essay via this link: [Application for the 2026 Molly Efron Technical Women's Scholarship](#). Along with a letter of recommendation and official transcript. The application, essay and other required documents must be received no later than 5:00 pm on March 6.
- ❖ **Maude Orman Scholarship (Rochester Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.)**- For any African American/Black high school senior in the Rochester/Monroe County area who possess at least a B average. <https://tinyurl.com/MaudeOrman25>. Deadline to apply- March 31.
- ❖ **Tri Delta Rochester Alumnae Chapter Scholarship**- For female seniors planning to attend college in the fall. Go to the scholarship file cabinet for application and instructions, but all

applications must be submitted electronically. Submit your documents electronically at <https://forms.gle/m5av6vgkwi8ZgAU56>. Please contact your counselor to send required transcript and recommendations. Deadline to apply- March 30.

- ❖ **Julie and Dick Baker Memorial Scholarship**- For any RCSD senior planning to study a STEM field in college or technical school in the fall, 80 minimum GPA, demonstrate financial need. \$1000 award renewable for following three years. Go to <https://juliebakermemorialgolf.com/scholarship> to apply. Deadline to apply- March 31.
- ❖ **Gamma Iota Boule Foundation**- Several scholarships available for seniors. Descriptions can be found here: <https://gibfoundation.org/projects/> . Please read the descriptions carefully as some scholarships are designated for students already in college. \$2000 Award each. Go to scholarship filing cabinet for application. Deadline to apply- February 16..
- ❖ **Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Clara D. Bishop Award**- For any female senior planning to attend college in the fall to pursue a degree in teaching or education. \$2000 per year. Go to the scholarship file cabinet for application. Deadline to apply- March 1.
- ❖ **Stephen A. Segar Epilepsy Scholarship**- For any senior with epilepsy planning to attend college in the fall. \$3,500 award. Go to scholarship file cabinet for application. Deadline to apply- May 22.
- ❖ **AKOMA African American Women's Gospel Choir Nona Patterson Chambers Merit Scholarship**- For any African American, female, senior planning to attend college in the fall, involved in community and/or church activities. Go to scholarship file cabinet for application or www.akoma.org. Deadline to apply- April 1.

Health Career Scholarship

Apply for a \$1,000 Scholarship today!

Multiple Scholarships will be awarded



Deadline: March 23, 2026

Graduating High School Seniors Pursuing a Degree in Healthcare

Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors entering healthcare related programs after graduation. Students must be graduating from a high school AND attending a program within R-AHEC's region which includes Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates county.

About Us

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PROGRAMS/ EVENTS/ SUMMER PROGRAMS/EMPLOYMENT

- ❖ **University of Rochester Pre-College Programs**- New program for students ages 13+ to explore subjects they may wish to pursue in college, taught by professors, supported by mentors. Currently offering courses in Biomedical Engineering, U.S. Healthcare, and Personalized Medicine. Go to <https://rochesteronline.precollegeprograms.org/> for more information and to apply.
- ❖ **Guided Pathway Support Program for Juniors and Seniors**- The program is a part of the Ron Brown Scholar Program. It is a free, online, African American college advising community-advising services, mentorship, accepts students all year. Go to <https://rbsgps.com/> for more information and to apply.
- ❖ **Project Level the Field**- A non-profit organization with one mission: make sure everybody has access to FREE high-quality college application resources regardless of their race, ethnicity, or financial background. They provide college application support, SAT test prep and tutoring. <https://projectlevelthefield.com/>
- ❖ **Rhode Island School of Design Pre-College Summer Programs**- www.precollege.risd.edu
- ❖ **SUNY Geneseo Summer Academy**- This is a one-week (July 12-18) residential program for high school students who want to prepare for college, explore academic interests, and gain real college experience. For more information and to apply- <https://www.geneseo.edu/admissions/geneseo-summer-academy-live-and-learn-campus>
- ❖ **Fordham Summer Leaders Academy**- <https://www.fordham.edu/summer-session/pre-college-programs/summer-leaders-academy/>
- ❖ **SUNY New Paltz Summer Honors Program**- https://www.newpaltz.edu/summer-honors/?utm_campaign=honors&utm_content=honors&utm_medium=email&utm_source=slate&utm_term=25_summer
- ❖ **Stanford Pre-College Summer Program**- <https://summerinstitutes.spcs.stanford.edu/>
- ❖ **New York University Pre-College Program**- nyu.edu/precollege
- ❖ **University of Chicago Summer Session Program**- summer.uchicago.edu
- ❖ **Monroe County Sheriff's Office Teen Police Academy**- Designed to give students in grades 9-12 across Monroe county an introduction to law enforcement training. There is no charge to attend. The first academy class will be held from July 13- July 17, 8am-4pm; the second academy class will be held July 27-July 31, 8am-4pm. Application must be received by March 13. Go to <https://www.monroecountysheriff-ny.gov/community-engagement/teen-police-academy> for more information and to apply or see your counselor for an application.
- ❖ **Roberts Wesleyan Academic Summer Camp**- <https://www.roberts.edu/summer-at-roberts/academic-summer-camps>

College Prep Scholars Program

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GEWEP- General Education Work Experience Program



GEWEP



General Education Work Experience Program

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- Earn HS Elective Credit!

Sign up for the GEWEP Class!

Sign up ASAP to start counting your hours worked for elective credit!

Credit is given based on how many hours you work. (example: 150 hrs. = .5 credit / 300 hrs. = 1 credit, etc.)



SIGN UP: Scan the above QR code to fill out the GEWEP Interest Form

Or type in the URL: <https://forms.gle/1zZRLgi8Lh11fd4g6>

This is a Virtual Course!

Your teacher: Ms. Richardson, RCSD Work Based Learning Coordinator

Assignments: all in Google Classroom

Offered: first and/or second semester

Q&A's

Q-When can I sign up? A- As soon as you are employed and earning a paycheck

Q-How old do I have to be? A- 14 or older and employed

Q- If I don't have a job, but get one later this school year, can I join in the middle of the year? A - Yes, join at any time

Q- I work for my family, can I join GEWEP? A - You must be paid "on the books" and earn a paycheck (you can't be paid "under the table") and the business must provide Workers Compensation

Further Questions: Contact Ms. Richardson, RCSD Work Based Learning Coordinator at donna.richardson@rcsdk12.org or see your school counselor

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ACTION for a **BETTER COMMUNITY**
ABC's Of College

ABC's Youth Services Department will provide year-round college and trade school exposure through guided workshops and campus tours throughout New York State. Exposing ABC youth participants to college will allow students to feel a sense of belonging and learn what college entails, while increasing their likelihood of attending a post-secondary educational institute.



Shamira McClain- Director

Our Focus Areas

College Awareness
 Students will get college exposure by hearing from College Admissions and College Tours.

Application Process
 Students will learn how to apply to college, search for scholarships, and utilize the FAFSA

College Experience
 Students will participate in interactive workshops that cover dorm life, sports, class, Greek life, and more

The Basics

- ✓ Monthly Workshop (Capacity of 35)
- ✓ Quarterly Tours (Capacity of 12)
- ✓ After School 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- ✓ Prizes and Takeaways for Participation

Requirements

- 1 Students must be willing to learn and respectful of staff, peers, and visitors
- 3 Open to 7th-12th grade students to increase student understanding by senior year.
- 5 Students must attend 3 workshops to be eligible to attend a tour.

Launching February 2026

Call Us For More Info **585-325-5116**
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Learn basic plumbing and electrical to drywall repair and HVAC maintenance

ELECTRICAL FOR CONSTRUCTION

18 weeks \ 121 hours

Gain skills to begin a career in residential or commercial electrical

HVAC/R

18 weeks \ 118 hours

Discover the basics of heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration

HEALTHCARE

DENTAL OFFICE ASSISTING

18 weeks \ 180 hours

Learn a variety of skills to prepare for dental office work and patient care

NURSE ASSISTING

18 weeks \ 138 hours

Gain essential experience and skills to provide safe, compassionate patient care as a nursing assistant.

PHLEBOTOMY

18 weeks \ 126 hours

Understand the theory and practice of safe and proper blood draws

REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTING

Online \ Self-Paced

A NYS approved Dental Assisting program for individuals working in the field and seeking licensure.



SCHOLARSHIP & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!



MANUFACTURING

INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICAL

18 weeks \ 118 hours

Discover the basics of industrial and mechanical power distribution

MACHINING FUNDAMENTALS

18 weeks \ 133 hours

Gain skills in manual machining and related instruction for apprenticeships

MANUFACTURING PROCESS TECHNOLOGY

18 weeks \ 118 hours

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Learn the information and skills to pass the CDL permit test

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Learn about the public school system and prepare to assist in the classroom

YOUR FUTURE AWAITS AT THE CENTER FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES
Center for Workforce Development

WEMOCO CTE Center
3589 Big Ridge Road,
Spencerport, NY 14559

(585) 348-9000

CWDinfo@monroe2boces.org

The CWD Advantage

- Earn while you learn with a schedule that allows for work and class
- Be supported from enrollment to employment
- Work on employability skills such as building resumes and interviewing
- Network and connect with potential employers for in-demand jobs

Get started
today!



www.monroe2boces.org/cwd



@BOCES2CWD

ROC Your Job

Youth Employment Event

Why wait until the summer to
get a job?

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

October 18, 2025

- * Learn about exciting career opportunities
- * Sign up for afterschool jobs on site
- * Bring birth certificate, Social Security card, work permit, most recent physical papers and report card
- * Community vendors present to help

**MCC Downtown Campus
High Falls Room
321 State Street**

**Apply Today at
RocYourJob.com**

Call the Youth Bureau
for more information
753-6280



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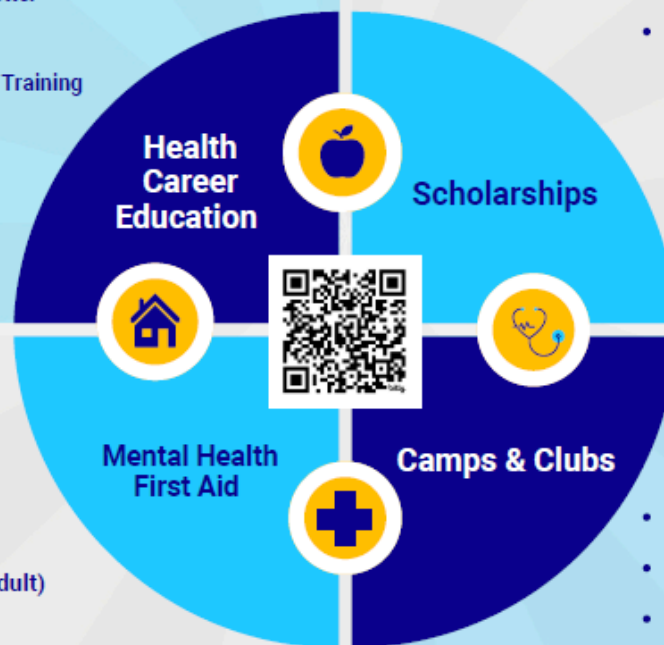
WNY R-AHEC SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES



Improving the quality of healthcare in our region through workforce development, education, and resources.

- Career & Behavioral Health Presentations
- Monthly Career Newsletter
- Career Guide
- Career Fairs
- Career Shadowing
- Virtual Reality Medical Training
- Other Events & Presentations
- Discover Wellness Program

- Annual scholarships available to seniors pursuing a career in health care



- Teen MHFA
- Youth MHFA
- QPR (Youth & Adult)
- Resiliency

- In School & After School Clubs
- Summer & School Break Camps
- HCOP (Health Careers Opportunity Program)



For more information contact info@r-ahec.org | 585-786-6275

"Thank you for believing in me and giving me the confidence to soar beyond just a job, allowing me to find a career."
-Amanda, Graduate

"My interest and decisions about college increased through college tours and presentations. As a result, I applied to more than 10 colleges and I have already been accepted into 5... It makes me so happy to think about how I came to Future Ready so far behind and that now I only need to finish two classes to graduate."
-Liniaha, High School Senior

Are you Future Ready?

Quick, Online Application:
bit.ly/futureready-app





Contact Us

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Future Ready Program
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Rochester, NY 14613
585-505-3936
futureready@e-success.org
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About Future Ready


Future Ready prepares middle and high school students for lifelong success in school, college, and career. Students in Future Ready receive year-round academic and navigation support as they develop job and life skills. Students work 1:1 with a Navigator to chart the college and career pathways that will make them Future Ready!



Academic Success

Bright futures start with the foundations students need to succeed in school and graduate from high school:


- Academic Tutoring
- Regents Exam Prep
- Other Test Prep
- Experiential Learning
- Summer Learning & Enrichment




Career & College Ready

Preparing for post-graduation success starts with the skills training, navigation support, and interactive experiences students need to be college and/or career-ready:

- Career Spotlights & Enrichments
- Networking Opportunities
- Future Ready Employment Education (FREE) Academy
- College Tours & Readiness Academy
- College Application and FAFSA planning



How Students Benefit



Navigation Support

Navigators are mentors and guides who meet with students regularly to:

- Develop & Implement Personal College & Career Plans
- Identify & Assess Academic Needs
- Coordinate Wraparound Services and Hands-On Career Exposures
- Arrange Work-Readiness Training and Job Placement

What's New?

Future Ready is focused on providing unique and life-changing experiences:

- Cross-Community Activities as Part of "The Hive"
- Mystery Trips
- Student-Designed Spaces
- Local & Out-of-State College Tours
- Summer Career Immersions

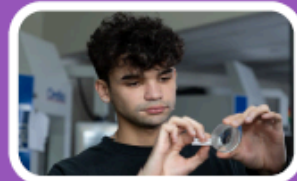
The Optics Industry Needs YOU!

The optics industry is exploding locally, nationally and internationally. Optics is the backbone, driving cutting edge innovations in every sector of our economy: medical, environmental, manufacturing, communications, research, security and defense.

Come learn how you can become part of it!

Monroe Community College Optical Systems Technology Program

- Nationally recognized
- Employer connections
- State-of-the-art lab facilities
- Industry experienced faculty
- Supported by state and federal grants



Optics Spring Information Sessions

When: Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 PM

- January 8, 2026
- February 12, 2026
- March 12, 2026
- April 9, 2026

Where: Building 9, Room 9-132
Monroe Community College
1000 East Henrietta Road
Rochester, NY 14623

Parking: Lot J Parking Permit & Map
on the back of this flyer

Questions: www.monroecc.edu/go/optics
optics@monroecc.edu
(585) 292-2677

Information to be covered:

- Optics Industry & Careers
- MCC Optics Programs
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Application Process
- Lab Tours

Register for a session:



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WILDLIFE ACTION CREW

Wildlife Action Crew is for teenagers interested in animals and conservation. Crews conduct a conservation case study, select an action that addresses the conservation issue, and create a campaign to promote their message. This is a six-week program that is offered multiple times throughout the school year.



WHO
13- to 18-year-olds

WHERE
Seneca Park Zoo

WHEN
Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.,
for six weeks

COST
\$57 for Zoo members
\$62 for non-members

 Seneca Park Zoo



LEARN MORE



ZooTeens

The ZooTeen program gives young adults the opportunity to work together with like-minded peers from around the region, as well as with the Seneca Park Zoo education team, to help educate the public about the animals in conservation care and the importance of saving animals from extinction.

 Seneca Park Zoo



LEARN MORE

WHO

Any teen currently in grades 7-12

WHERE

Seneca Park Zoo

WHEN

Teens sign up for a minimum of 12 shifts over the six-week summer program in July & August. Shifts run 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The program runs seven days a week and teens select the shifts that work for their schedule.

REQUIREMENTS

Submit an online application: senecaparkzoo.org/zooteens

- Group interview for new ZooTeens
- Participation in training

COST

There is a fee of \$125, due after acceptance into the program. Need-based scholarships are available upon request.

Questions?

585.336.7208

zooteen@senecazoo.org

Open Interviews at Seneca Park Zoo!

We're Hiring — Interview on the Spot!

SSA Group at Seneca Park Zoo is hosting **open interviews** for individuals who are passionate about animals, conservation, and outstanding guest service. This is a great opportunity to meet our team, learn about available roles, and potentially receive an offer the same day.

Positions May Include:

- Guest Services & Admissions
- Food & Beverage Services
- Retail Sales & Services
- Seasonal & Part-Time Positions

Open Interview Details:


Date: ****Friday February 20th and Saturday February 21st

Time: ****10:30am to 2pm

Location: Seneca Park Zoo

2222 St. Paul Street, Rochester, NY

What to Bring:

- Resume (if available)
- A positive attitude and willingness to learn  Why Work at Seneca Park Zoo?
- Unique and exciting work environment
- Flexible schedules
- Opportunities for growth
- Support wildlife conservation and education

Who Should Attend?

- Team-oriented and reliable individuals
- Great communication and customer service skills
- Animal lovers and conservation supporters

[Walk-Ins Welcome!](#)

No appointment needed — just stop by during open interview hours!

Connecting youth to work experience across the City of Rochester and Monroe County.

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Gain work experience, earn money, and level up your future—all while school's out.

Open to City of Rochester and Monroe County **youth ages 14 - 20**, currently in middle school, high school, or a TASC program.
(Class of 2026 graduates are eligible)



APPLICATIONS OPEN:
Feb. 9 – April 17



Scan the QR code or visit [ROCYouthEmployment.com](https://www.roc.gov/ROCYouthEmployment.com) to sign up for your next work experience and learn more.

**NEW
NAME!**

This program brings together the best of two programs—Summer of Opportunity (SOOP) and Summer Youth Employment (SYEP).

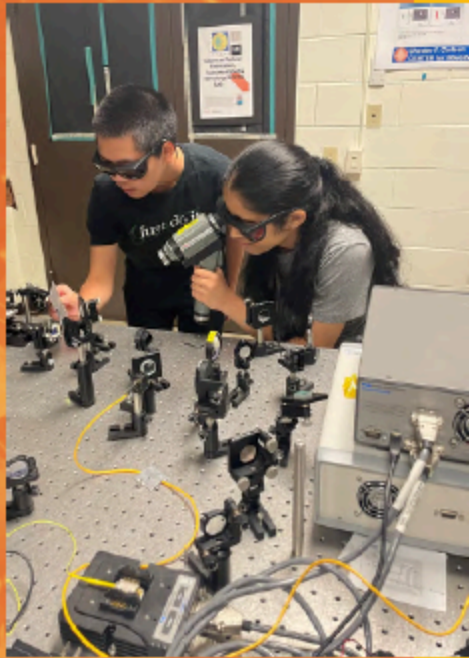


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RIT Imaging Science Summer Internship Program APPLY TODAY!

A paid immersive college research experience for rising high school seniors

Details

July 9 – August 14
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
54 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY
rit.edu/science/summer-intern-program

More information

Join us this summer for a six-week, 40-hour/day paid summer internship, working directly with an imaging science research team. Projects include cultural heritage imaging, machine learning, remote sensing, and other exciting imaging topics.
Visit our website or use the QR code to apply by March 13



RIT



Looking for a job? Check out the RCSD Job Board for information on local businesses that are hiring:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11oLGRPW1XDrdtSbLSR7bvEnGNy_1al-6ZLtdDoUKpmk/edit#gid=0

HOW TO APPLY FOR A WORK PERMIT at SOTA:

<https://www.rcsdk12.org/domain/13307>

You will need three documents to apply for a work permit.

- **Application- Part I only completed and signed by parent or guardian**
- **Proof of Age- birth certificate, learner's permit, license**
- **Medical Form- must be completed by your doctor's office (or the school nurse if she has your physical on file at school), you can also use a copy of your most recent physical**
- **The application and medical form can be accessed through the link above or there are copies in the counselor's offices and house offices.**

When you have those three documents complete, you can bring them to the house office and the clerical staff can issue you a work permit. They usually have specific days and times they process work permits, so check with your house office clerical staff.

Resources for Social & Emotional Support

WHO CAN HELP AT SOTA:



School Counselors

Mr. Murphy - A179
Mrs. Sirianni - A249
Mrs. Rossette - A349
Mrs. Kelly - A432
Ms. Adams - A249
Mrs. Everts - A423



Social Workers/ School Psychologists

Mrs. Lindsey - A179
Mrs. Gordon - A349
Mrs. Johnson - A432
Mr. Blumkin - M325
Mr. Dingman - M332



Community Organization Support

Caroline Cuyler - M151
Ms. Nicki - 4th Fl House
CFY Help Zone - M138
Pathways to Peace - 4th Fl House
Hillside - 2nd Fl House

*Feel free to reach out to any staff member and they can help connect you to one of us!

24/7 HOTLINES FOR SUPPORT:

Suicide & Crisis Support Lifeline: Call or text 988

The Trevor Project Hotline: Call 1-866-488-7386 or text 'START' to 678-678 (LGBTQ+ safe hotline)

The Center for Youth: Call 585-271-7670

Resource Services Hotline: Call 211

For life threatening crises or emergencies please call 911

Mental Health Crisis Hotlines

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis these resources are available 24/7 to provide immediate help!

❖ 211 Lifeline:

If you need assistance locating long-term mental health resources, talking through a problem, or exploring mental health treatment options, call 211 to speak with a live person who can help.

- 211 conversations are confidential, can be made anonymously, and are available in 180 languages upon request.
- If you prefer to text, use web chat, or search for resources online, click here to find more ways to contact [your local 211](#).

❖ 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline:

Dial 988 or 1-800-273-8255 for the <https://988lifeline.org/> . 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (now known as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline). When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

❖ URM C Brighter Days Pediatric Mental Health Urgent Care Center-
300 Crittenden Blvd., (585) 275-8686
<https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/locations/mental-health-wellness-brighter-days-pediatric-urgent-care-center>



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Afternoon Tea & Coffee



Mother & Daughter Let's Talk about "LOVE"

Mothers and daughters of all ages invited!!!
(Ages 13 years old and up ONLY)

When: Sunday February 22nd, 2026

Where: Equal Grounds Cafe, 750 South Ave.

Time: 1pm-3pm

Cost: FREE but registration is required



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