

Sam Houston Ruritan Club

1260 Valley Pike, Lexington, VA 24450

Community People Meeting Community Needs

The Sam Houston Ruritan Club's mission is to serve and support our local Sam Houston area community. Our scholarship program supports efforts to build and to maintain our local community by helping students further their education and to become successful productive members of our local community.

2026 Student Scholarship Application Information

- The Sam Houston Ruritan Club will award three \$1,500.00 scholarships.
- Scholarships may be awarded to students attending a:
 - 4 year college
 - 2 year college
 - Vocational/technical/trade school

Scholarship Criteria

Applicants are chosen on the criteria listed below, not on their choice of higher education.

1. **Achievement/Accomplishments:**
 - a. Academic Achievement - Grades, awards, etc.
 - b. Non-Academic Accomplishments - Areas where the student excelled (talents, work, recognition in an area)
2. **Financial Need:** Family financial situation, other scholarships awarded, etc.
3. **Service to and/or Involvement in School, Church, Community, Organizations, Volunteering:**
 - a. Clubs (School, 4H Clubs, Church), volunteering to help others, the environment, etc.
 - b. Area and/or event exhibiting good citizenship, personal responsibility, and character through individual and/or collective action
4. **Chosen career potential benefit to society**

Scholarship Process

- Information and applications are delivered to counseling departments for Rockbridge County High School, Parry McCluer High School, and Rockbridge Christian Academy.
- **By April 3rd: Students return Applications to their school's counseling department.**
- **April 3rd:** Applications are picked up from high schools by a Ruritan member.
- **Notification:** Awards will be given out at Senior Night. Students and families are invited to an awards ceremony and the Ruritan's family picnic in July.

SAM HOUSTON RURITAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Sam Houston Ruritan Club's purpose is to serve and support our local community in the Sam Houston area of Rockbridge County. This Scholarship program supports our efforts to build and to maintain our local community by helping deserving students further their education in order to become successful productive members of our local community.

Instructions:

1. Complete the application form - *if more space is needed, you may use the back of the page.*
2. Attach a **one-page essay** on why you should be considered for a Sam Houston Ruritan Club Scholarship.
3. Submit your Application Form and essay to your counseling office before **April 3rd.**

Applicant Name (please print): _____

Street Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Post-Graduation Plans

Check One: 4 Year College 2 Year College Vocational/Technical/Trade School

List Post-HS programs to which you have applied: Have You Been Accepted? When do you expect to be notified?

_____ Yes No Waiting to Hear _____

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- Do you expect to receive financial aid from your post-high school educational institution? Give details:

- What are your career plans and hopes? How could a Sam Houston Ruritan Scholarship help you achieve these?

High School Experience (use other side if you need more space):

- What is your: High School: _____ GPA: _____ Class Rank: _____
- List your high school activities (clubs, sports, other activities/events, and any offices you held):
- List involvement in community service projects, church activities, volunteering experiences, and/or activities where you assisted your community and its residents.

Parent/Guardian 1:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Annual Income Range (circle one): \$0-\$30,000 \$30,001-\$50,000 \$50,001 or more

Income other than the employment listed above: _____

Parent/Guardian 2:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Occupation: _____

Annual Income Range (circle one): \$0-\$30,000 \$30,001-\$50,000 \$50,001 or more

Income other than the employment listed above: _____

- Describe any special circumstance or reason that makes you a particularly worthy scholarship candidate (if more space is needed you may use the back of this page).

I understand and agree to the scholarship program terms as stated on this application. I certify that (1) I am a resident of the Sam Houston area of Rockbridge County, VA; (2) All information on this application is true and correct; (3) I will attend a Sam Houston Ruritan Club July meeting/picnic to meet the members, tell my future plans, and receive their award; and (4) should I receive aid under this application, then later receive a full financial aid package from my educational institution, I will refund any and all Sam Houston Ruritan Club Scholarship money to the Club to use in support of another deserving applicant.

Print Student Name: _____ **Parent Name:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____

Date: _____

Date: _____