



ROCHESTER EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Rochester Education Foundation was founded in 2001 to serve as a link between the community and the schools. The mission of the Foundation is to raise and distribute funds for opportunities that enrich the educational experience, encourage creativity, innovation and excellence within our district. The Foundation provides resources beyond the normal operating budgets for educational programs and activities for students. Local businesses, individuals in the community and the school district working together can help to ensure a successful future for all students.

The Rochester Education Foundation Scholarship was created to award a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior that intends to pursue their education in a post-secondary institution or trade school. To qualify, seniors are expected to further their education at a 2-year or 4-year college or university or trade program. The scholarship is a one-time non-renewable award which will be graded based on overall merit.

Specific Requirements

1. Applicants must be a senior at Rochester High School in the graduating class of 2026.
2. Application to at least a 2-year or 4-year college or university or trade program. Proof of registration and enrollment will be required before payment of scholarship.
3. Completion of a formal, personally oriented essay of approximately 300 words on the following topic:

How have the high school experiences you have had helped you be prepared to grow toward being a responsible and caring citizen in the world beyond today?

Specific courses, teachers, individuals, extracurricular or work activities, or volunteer opportunities can be cited and explained.

4. Letter of recommendation from a non-relative adult. A teacher or administrator who knows you well or an adult outside of your high school. (Example: employer, civic, church or volunteer leader) **Email the letter to Rochester3aFoundation@gmail.com after you have submitted this scholarship application. Letters of Recommendation MUST be received prior to the March 31, 2026 Application Deadline.**
Please be sure to include your name and the date you submitted your application.
Without a letter of recommendation, your scholarship application will not be considered.
5. A list of activities both in school and out of the school environment, including honors received during the high school career.
6. Completed application MUST be submitted to the Foundation by **March 31, 2026.**

Review of Applications

The judging of all applications will be done by a committee of three individuals who have no eligible students at the high school. The application will be judged on meeting the specific requirements as well as organization of ideas, sincerity, neatness, grammar and spelling.

Application Time Schedule

Applications available to Guidance offices and on REF Website	January 15, 2026
Application Deadline	March 31, 2026
Announcement of Scholarship Winner	May 2026

Award of Scholarships

The winner of the scholarship will be announced in May of 2026. The scholarship money will be used to fund tuition, books, fees or living expenses while enrolled in the scholarship winner's institution of higher learning. Funds will be sent to the students financial aid office after proof of registration, student ID number and institution information has been provided by the student.

Questions? Email us at Rochester3aFoundation@gmail.com