

Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission

2023 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The governing board of the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission believes our region's future is enhanced by both wise and forward-looking stewardship of the land, natural resources, and public institutions, as well as through thoughtful investment in the next generation. To this end, the Regional Commission has authorized establishment of an annual TRORC Scholarship Program to encourage and recognize high school students pursuing career and life choices consistent with the vision and values of vibrant, diverse and sustainable communities, as articulated in our regularly updated Regional Plan.

The Regional Commission strongly believes that academic performance should be one of many factors in awarding scholarships and will also consider a student's record in the following areas:

- community service-oriented activities;
- engagement with civic institutions;
- activities that advance diversity, equity and inclusion;
- engagement with civic institutions;
- leadership skills;
- innovative thinking and problem solving;
- entrepreneurship and resourcefulness.

ANNOUNCEMENT, ELIGIBILITY, APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS

ANNOUNCEMENT: Pending approval of the scholarship program in its annual budget and the availability of funds, TRORC shall notify area schools of application policies and procedures on or before February 1.

ELIGIBILITY: High School Seniors residing in one of TRORC's thirty towns that are successfully completing a state-approved secondary (high school) education program and have been accepted into an accredited post-secondary education or career program may apply. Immediate family members of TRORC employees, subcontractors, and the governing board are ineligible. All fields of study are appropriate and can include, but are not limited to, agriculture, the arts and creative economy, education, energy, engineering, environmental studies, forestry, geography, mathematics, nursing, planning, political science, psychology, sociology, and trades.

APPLICATION: Please provide the following:

_____ Full name, mailing address, e-mail address and phone number

_____ High School transcript

_____ Letter of acceptance from accredited post-secondary education or career program

_____ Information on student's financial aid package, if known

_____ Three letters of recommendation

_____ Written essay, not exceeding 1,000 words, describing the applicant's career and life goals and how their post-secondary education, employment, and extra-curricular activities support achievement of those goals.

Note: We are particularly interested to learn about your experience in the following areas. We will look for this information in your essay and/or your letters of recommendation.

- Participation in community service-oriented activities
- Engagement with civic institutions
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Demonstrated innovative thinking and problem solving
- Demonstrated entrepreneurship and resourcefulness
- Need for financial assistance including reasonable assurance that the student will be able to obtain sufficient financing to complete the program.

All application materials must be received by the TRORC offices no later than the close of business on April 14, 2023.

AWARD: The Chair of TRORC's governing board shall appoint no fewer than three and no more than five members drawn from town delegates and alternates to comprise a Scholarship Committee with one member appointed as chairperson. The Committee shall review all eligible applications and make its recommendations to the full TRORC Board. The decision of the TRORC Board shall be final.

Up to ten (10) \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded. Payment to students will be made upon successful completion of a semester of study, provided the student attains a B average or better in that semester. Disbursements shall be made in the form of payment to the student for tuition, room, and board with an eligible institution upon submission of proof of charges and a transcript with the student's grades for the semester.

QUESTIONS; SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

Questions? Contact Lori Kay at lkay@trorc.org or 802-457-3188, ext. 3001.

Submissions may be e-mailed to lkay@trorc.org, or mailed to:

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