

Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission

2024 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The governing board of the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) 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 TRORC has authorized establishment of a 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.

TRORC 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 January 1.

ELIGIBILITY: High School Seniors residing in one of TRORC's 30 towns that are successfully completing a stateapproved secondary (high school) education program and have been accepted into an accredited postsecondary education or career program may apply. Applicants from diverse backgrounds including identities, abilities, economic and racial backgrounds are highly encouraged to apply.

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.

Immediate family members of TRORC employees, subcontractors, and the governing board are ineligible.

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

_____ Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR)

_____ Three letters of recommendation

_____ Written essay, not exceeding 1,000 words, describing the applicant's career and life goals and how their education, employment, and life experiences to date support the 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 in family, work or extracurricular life
- 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 12, 2024.

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) \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded. Payment to students will be made upon successful completion of their first semester of study, provided the student attains a B average (3.0 GPA) 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 Mary Olmo at molmo@trorc.org or 802-457-3188, ext. 3001.

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

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