



Rockwood National Education Association 2021 Application for Scholarships

PURPOSE

As one way of affirming our belief in the importance of education, Rockwood NEA is offering up to \$2000 in individual scholarships.

The Rockwood NEA Scholarships are designed to encourage and assist the best and the brightest students to continue their education and enter the honorable field of teaching.

BACKGROUND

The Rockwood National Education Association is the professional organization that represents teachers in the Rockwood School District. Rockwood NEA is an affiliate of the Missouri NEA and the National Education Association. The National Education Association is the largest and oldest professional education association with over 2.7 million members throughout the United States.

Scholarships are awarded in two ways: one scholarship will be awarded to an RNEA member's child, regardless of intended field of study*, and up to three scholarships will be awarded to any student in the Rockwood School District who intends to pursue a career in education.

*If there is not an eligible applicant graduating from a Rockwood school, the scholarship can be awarded to a student not graduating from a Rockwood school as long as his/her parent/legal guardian is an RNEA member.

The funding for all Rockwood NEA Scholarships comes from the Association's commitment to students and their education. We believe continuous learning is the avenue for opportunity by which all people are empowered to be successful and find happiness in their life endeavors.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Scholastic ability, community/school activities, community service, leadership, personal references, and interest in entering the field of education will be the major factors in selecting the scholarship recipients.

The RNEA Scholarship Review Committee will review the applications and submit a recommendation of the most qualified applicants to the Rockwood NEA Executive Board for final approval.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Rockwood NEA Member's Scholarship (one-time award)

- Applicant must be the child or dependent of an active Rockwood NEA member.
- Applicant must be a graduating senior who will be pursuing a post-secondary option in the fall.
- Applicant must have a cumulative grade point of 3.0 or higher.
- Applicant's college or career pathway must lead to a degree or certificate from an accredited institution.
- **Applicant must complete and return the application form to a college specialist or a counselor by February 26, 2021.**

Rockwood NEA Scholarship (one-time award)

- Applicant must be a graduating senior in the Rockwood School District and will be pursuing a degree in education.
- Applicant must have a cumulative grade point of 3.0 or higher.
- Applicant must be accepted by or enrolled in an accredited college or university.
- **Applicant must complete and return the application form to a college specialist or a counselor by February 26, 2021.**

FUND DISBURSEMENT

The scholarship will be paid to the recipient upon proof of enrollment for educational advancement. Please send a copy of your class schedule to the following address by July 19, 2021:

Rockwood NEA
RNEA Scholarship Committee
232 Vance Road, Suite 205
Valley Park, MO 63088

Thank you for participating in the Rockwood NEA Scholarship Program. If you have any questions, please contact your college specialist, counselor, or the Rockwood NEA at 314-392-1277 or RNEApresident@gmail.com.

Rockwood National Education Association Scholarship Application

Name: _____

High School: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: () _____

Name of RNEA member (parent/guardian): _____

Position/Building: _____

Name and address of the school you plan to attend next year:

Have you received notification of acceptance to this school? Yes No

Intended field of study: _____

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete the applicant information questions above.
2. On a separate sheet, please complete a **detailed listing of both your school activities AND of your community service**. Please separate your activities and community service lists, and be sure to **highlight any leadership roles held**. You may include any other activities you deem appropriate that would help us make our choice, but please only include activities you have participated in **since entering high school**. Please also **list any honors, recognitions, or awards earned**.
3. Write a multi-paragraph **essay** that is **one page in length**, typed and double-spaced, and responds to the prompt:
How do you plan to use your career path to make a positive difference in our world?
4. Request a copy of your **high school transcript**.
5. Ask **THREE** adults--teachers from your junior/senior years OR a community service adult leader--to each submit a **confidential recommendation form**. Forms should be turned in **directly to the RSD college specialist** or **sent directly to RNEA via mail/email**.
6. Rockwood seniors: Submit items 1-3 to your College & Career Specialist by February 26, 2021. Ask them to please attach items 4 and 5.
RNEA member dependent seniors outside of Rockwood: Submit items 1-4 via mail/email by February 26, 2021. All confidential recommendations should also be received by then as well, so please plan ahead if sending through the US Postal Service.

Rockwood National Education Association Scholarship Recommendation Form (Confidential)

The RNEA Scholarship Committee appreciates your cooperation so we can better get to know the applicants for our scholarships. Please evaluate the listed applicant on the following criteria and return this form to the RSD High School College & Career Specialist by **February 26, 2021**. If the student does not attend a Rockwood High School, please email this form to RNEApresident@gmail.com or mail to RNEA, 232 Vance Road Suite 205. Valley Park, MO 63088.

Name of applicant	Name of person preparing this recommendation
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The following information will be used to supplement the student's academic information. Please complete the items on the rating scale which reflects your perspective of this applicant's skills. Please **rate and comment** about this individual with respect to his or her peers by placing an X in the appropriate block.

	Superior	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	No Basis for Rating
1. Personality Ability to make favorable impression, friendliness, courteousness						
2. Attitude Cooperativeness, receptiveness to criticism or suggestions, positivity						
3. Maturity Emotional conduct, responsible behavior						
4. Originality and Initiative Creative ability, imagination, soundness of ideas						
5. Motivation Thoroughness, desire to accomplish objectives, drive, persistence						
6. Dependability Ability to get results, reliability, promptness, attendance						
7. Communication Skills (written and oral) Clarity in messages, ability to confidently address and adjust to audience, grammar						
8. Interpersonal Skills Leadership, participation in groups, ability to contribute and collaborate						
General Comments - PLEASE comment on the above characteristics or on the special qualities of this applicant.						
Signature of person preparing this recommendation				Academic Subject Area/Title		