REA Benefit Fund Scholarships

As provided for in the REA Benefit Fund Declaration of Trust:

"The charitable purpose for which the Benefit Fund is established is …b) to provide scholarships to students from the Rochester Community Schools (Scholarship Benefits)."

In accordance with the Operating Standards and Procedures established the following guidelines apply:

Identity of Beneficiaries

A. *"The qualified beneficiaries of the fund for scholarship benefits are senior high school students enrolled in the Rochester Community Schools."*

Conditions for Eligibility

A. *In awarding scholarship benefits the trustees shall:*
   1. *Select recipients from students nominated by the Rochester Education Association (REA) building representatives for each high school. To be eligible, the student must have requested financial aid information from the school district.*
   2. *Make selections prior to May 15th of the year the scholarships are granted. Scholarships may be granted for attendance at any Michigan community/junior college degree granting institution [university], or vocational training institution that grants a certification of license.*
   3. *If the funds permit, grant a one-thousand dollar ($1000.00) scholarship to one senior from each high school.*

B. *Qualifying beneficiaries desiring to receive assistance from the fund shall submit a written application on a form provided to them by the fund.*

C. *The trustees shall make benefit determinations in a non-discriminatory manner without regard to the religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status or handicapped status of the prospective applicant."*

The Trustees have enclosed for your use a Rochester Education Association Scholarship Fund Application. Return completed scholarship applications to the REA Offices by **no later** than April 8. Applications may be inter-office mailed to Liz Schroeck, REA at Admin Center, or mailed to the attention of the REA Benefit Fund at 200 E. Silver Bell Rd., Lake Orion, MI 48360

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Rochester Education Association Benefit Fund
Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name:

Address:

Phone:

Step 1 – Student Background

Student's intended area of study:

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Name of public Michigan higher education institute student is planning to attend:

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Has student accepted/been awarded any other scholarship awards yes no

If yes, which ones and amount awarded: _____

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Has anyone in your family previously been awarded a REA scholarship? yes no

Guardian/Father's name, occupation & employer:

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Guardian/Mother's name, occupation & employer:

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Name other family dependents & ages of siblings: _____

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Step 2 – Teacher Recommendation – Please Attach Teacher(s) Letter(s) of recommendation

Step 3 - Essay

Attach a one-page personal essay addressing why you believe this scholarship should be awarded to you. If you have a relative who is an employee of the Rochester Community Schools, please mention. If you are considering going into the field of education, please speak to your interest in working with children.

Step 4 – Counselor input

ATTENTION COUNSELOR: Please provide the Trustees of the Rochester Education Association Benefit Fund your input for why this student should be awarded a scholarship (you may attach a letter if you wish).

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Signature of Counselor School Phone

Step 5 – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Financial need and scholastic ability partially determine the scholarship awards. Please answer the following questions with the help and counsel of your parents. Personal information of this kind **will be kept confidential**. The information will only be available to the Rochester Education Association Benefit Fund Trustees.

Student's savings toward higher ed: _____

Family savings fund in place for student's college? Yes No

Approximately how much saved? _____

Estimated 1st year college expense: _____

Total family income per year: _____

Unusual family expenses: _____

Cumulative GPA through 1st Semester: _____

I attest that all information provided to the Rochester Education Association Benefit Fund for scholarship benefits is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I realize that any deliberate falsification of information is grounds for rejection of this application.

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SIGNATURE OF STUDENT SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

When EVERYTHING is completed, please return in a sealed envelope to your Counselor/Counseling Secretary and request they send via Interoffice Mail to REA at Admin Center or to the Attention of the REA Benefit Fund at 200 E. Silver Bell Rd., Lake Orion, MI 48360, by NO LATER THAN April 8.