



Rockford Lutheran Booster Club Scholarship

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The Rockford Lutheran Booster Club Scholarship was established in 2013 to help assist Rockford Lutheran Senior High School students with furthering their education, keeping in line with the Booster Club's goal to "promote and fund excellence in athletics, academics and the arts at Rockford Lutheran Jr./Sr. High."

General Information

1. Parents of applicant must be a member of the Rockford Lutheran Booster Club, with membership application and dues paid before November 1, 2023.
2. Student applicant must be a Senior enrolled full-time and in good standing at Rockford Lutheran High School and may not be on any probationary status.
3. In order for an application to be considered, the student applicant's student billing account may not be past due as of the deadline date for applications (see below).
4. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA (weighted per RLS policy) through the end of the Fall semester of the senior year. An RLS Academic Record Transcript, obtained from Parchment (parchment.com, contact the school office if an account has not been set up) with grades posted through the end of the Fall 2023 semester, must be submitted with application.
5. **Completed applications must be submitted to the High School Office by 4:00 pm, Friday, April 19th, 2024.** Late applications will not be considered.
6. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded each cycle; one each to a female and male student. In the event there are no entries received from a qualified student for one gender, then both scholarships will be awarded to eligible student(s) in the applicant pool for the other gender. Up to two Finalists will also be selected for recognition from each gender.
7. The Winning students must fulfill all graduation requirements of RLS and remain in good standing (academic and disciplinary) through the end of the semester to receive the award. Forfeited awards due to failing to satisfy these conditions will result in the transference of the award to the next Finalist.
8. Scholarship award funds will be issued in the form of a check in the name of the awardee and will be issued within 15 business days of the end of the Spring Semester.
9. Rockford Lutheran Booster Club reserves the right to not award any scholarships in the event it receives no eligible entries that meet the minimum judging criteria, as determined by the scholarship review committee in its sole discretion.
10. Winners of the Scholarship and Finalists will be announced at the Rockford Lutheran School Honors & Awards Ceremony.
11. By submitting this application, permission is hereby granted to Rockford Lutheran School to reprint submitted essays, in whole or in part, for advertising and promotional purposes without additional compensation, unless prohibited by law. Appropriate citations will be given to the applicant.
12. All questions should be directed via e-mail to the Booster Club at boosterclub@rockfordlutheran.org .

Selection Process

1. The Scholarship Review Committee will be formed by the Booster Club and shall consist of Booster Club board members, school administration and other Booster Club dignitaries. Scholarship Review Committee members may not be relatives or legal guardians of a scholarship applicant.
2. Applications will be graded and ranked through a blind review process using the general scoring weighting rubric of: extracurricular involvement (30%), essay response (50%), and GPA & Academic Awards (20%).
3. In the event of a tie, the top applications will be ranked by the higher score for GPA & academic awards.
4. The Committee will select a Scholarship Winner and up to two Finalists from the top five qualifying applications in the female and male applicant pools. In the case where there were no qualifying applications in one gender, a second winner is selected in the same gender along with the two Finalists.
5. The Scholarship Review Committee reserves the right to limit the Scholarship Finalists to less than two in either gender group in the event that it receives an insufficient number of eligible entries that meet the minimum judging criteria, as determined by the committee in its sole discretion.

Expectations on Student Character and Good Conduct

The awarding of a scholarship is an honor conveyed by the Booster Club to students who demonstrate the potential to succeed and to set a worthwhile example of scholarship and citizenship for the RLS community. For this reason, we hold students accountable for their behavior on campus and in the Rockford community.

By submitting a signed Scholarship Application, the parents and student grant the Scholarship Review Committee access to the student's disciplinary record and the ability to consult with the school administration concerning student character and behavior. For Finalists, including the Scholarship winners, the Booster Club Executive Committee has the right to be notified of any serious behavioral issues or changes in the status of the student that might violate the stated expectations or bring discredit to the school and/or Booster Club. The Booster Club Executive Committee reserves the right to revoke the scholarship award at its sole discretion.

4. The Booster Club’s mission is to “promote and fund excellence in academics, athletics and arts.” In keeping with this theme, use 300 words or less to describe how your involvement with Rockford Lutheran High School has made the school a better and more enjoyable place. Please include specific examples describing your engagement and contributions.

Your signatures below signify that you accept the conditions and rules of the Scholarship and the process as published by the Booster Club. You affirm that the answers are truthful and complete. You also hereby grant permission to share the application and submitted Academic Transcript record with the Scholarship Review Committee. Additionally, should the applicant be selected as a Winner or Finalist for the Scholarship, you give the Booster Club Executive Committee the right to be informed of significant behavioral infractions or items that might impact the granting of the Scholarship award through the end of the Spring semester.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

OFFICE USE: Academic Record Transcript Attached? YES Date & Time Received: _____