



The Rock Youth Center Scholarship Application Criteria

The Rock Youth Center proudly offers **two \$500 scholarships** each year to graduating high school seniors.

Scholarships Available

1. **College Scholarship** – for students pursuing a 2-year or 4-year college/university
2. **Trades Scholarship** – for students pursuing a trade, technical, or vocational program

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a graduating high school senior
- Must plan to enroll in a college, university, trade, or technical program
- Must submit a completed application by the deadline

Evaluation & Scoring Rubric (100 Points Total)

1. Academic Achievement (30 Points)

Based on GPA, coursework rigor, and overall academic performance.

- 27–30 pts: Excellent academic performance (high GPA, strong course load)
- 21–26 pts: Above average performance
- 15–20 pts: Average performance
- 0–14 pts: Below average performance

2. Community Involvement & Service (30 Points)

Includes volunteer work, school involvement, extracurricular activities, and leadership.

- 27–30 pts: Highly active, leadership roles, consistent service
- 21–26 pts: Regular involvement in multiple activities
- 15–20 pts: Some involvement
- 0–14 pts: Minimal or no involvement



3. Essay / Personal Statement (25 Points)

Students should submit a short essay (recommended 300–500 words) addressing:

- Their future goals
- Why they chose their educational path (college or trade)
- How they have impacted their community

Scoring:

- 22–25 pts: Clear, thoughtful, well-written, strong purpose
 - 18–21 pts: Good response with some detail
 - 12–17 pts: Basic response, limited depth
 - 0–11 pts: Incomplete or lacks clarity
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4. Connection to The Rock (15 Points)

Preference is given to students who are or have been involved with The Rock Youth Center.

- 13–15 pts: Active and consistent Rock participant
 - 9–12 pts: Occasional participation
 - 5–8 pts: Minimal involvement
 - 0–4 pts: No involvement
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Total: 100 Points



Selection Notes

- The highest-scoring applicant in each category (College / Trades) will be recommended for the scholarship
- Preference is given to students who have participated in programs at The Rock Youth Center
- **Final decisions will be made by The Rock Youth Center Board of Directors**

Application Materials Checklist

- Completed application form
- Essay / Personal Statement
- Proof of acceptance or intent to enroll
- Two letters of reference (non-family members)