



R.J. Reynolds High School

Class of 1968 Memorial Scholarship

Application Packet

Checklist

Please note: An application that lacks any of these items will not be evaluated by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Background and guidelines for the scholarship

Application form (two pages) _____

Resume of your awards and recognitions, grades 9-12 _____

Activities resume _____

Financial statement _____

Official, signed transcript through the first semester of your Senior year _____

A copy of pages 1 & 2 of the most recent household Federal tax return(s) filed by you, your parent(s)/guardian(s)/ or non-custodial parent. (Please blank out the Social Security numbers on the copy you send.) _____

The deadline to submit your completed application packet to the Director of Student Services at R.J. Reynolds High School is APRIL 15th by 4pm (or, if school is not in session, the first day after April 15th by 4pm that school is in session).

R.J. Reynolds High School Class of 1968 Memorial Scholarship

In 1998, the R.J. Reynolds High School Class of 1968 established its Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a graduating Reynolds senior who is committed to pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university.

The idea for the scholarship originated in response to the tragic death of one classmate, Ed Gannaway, who in August 1995, saved many lives but lost his own while heroically piloting a malfunctioning commuter aircraft to the ground. At a meeting of Ed's friends soon after his funeral, one of them suggested establishing a scholarship in his memory to honor Ed's service to others, as shown in both his professional and personal life. As interest in the scholarship spread among other classmates, so did the desire to have it memorialize all deceased members of the Class of 1968, in recognition of the contributions they made during high school and in their communities in subsequent years.

Members of the Class of 1968 manage the scholarship program, including the selection process. The Winston-Salem Foundation administers the scholarship fund and disburses the grants made from it. Since the inception of the program, the Class has selected one recipient per year. Announced at the school's Class Day, the scholarship is a consecutive, four-year renewable award. Currently the scholarship provides \$11,000 (\$2,750 per year), disbursed to the recipient in equal payments over eight semesters.

Application Procedure

Seniors at R.J. Reynolds High School may apply for the Class of 1968 Memorial Scholarship by obtaining an application packet from the Office of Student Services or by accessing the guidelines and application packet here:

www.wsfoundation.org/docs/SAGuidelines/RJRClassOf68Application.pdf

The packet to be submitted by an applicant consists of:

- A completed two-page application (form included in this packet).
- A resume of awards and recognitions, grades 9-12 (form included in this packet).
- Activities resume (form included in this packet).
- A financial statement (form included in this packet).
- An official, signed transcript through the first semester of the senior year.
- A copy of pages 1 & 2 of the most recent household Federal tax return(s), filed by you, your parent(s)/guardian(s) and non custodial parent. (Please blank out the Social Security numbers on the copies you send.)

Criteria

The Class of 1968 Scholarship Review Committee will use the following, *equally weighted* criteria in evaluating applicants and selecting a recipient for the award:

- Evidence of the potential for distinction at college or university through academic achievement in high school (a minimum, un-weighted grade point average of 3.2).
- Evidence of service to others through school and community activities; include approximate number of volunteer hours contributed to all activities.
- Evidence of financial need as shown on the completed Financial Statement from the application packet and from the most recent U.S. tax return(s) of the applicant, applicant's parent(s)/guardian(s)/where applicable, and non-custodial parent.

The scholarship is available to students regardless of race, sex, national origin, religion, or age.

Selection Process

The Class of 1968 Scholarship Selection Committee will evaluate all completed applications submitted by the deadline and will select the recipient. The committee reserves the right to withhold the award in the event that no applicant meets its qualifications. The Chair of the committee will inform the recipient, the school, and the Foundation. The recipient will be publicly announced at the school's annual Class Day ceremony.

Award of Funds

After the announcement, the Winston-Salem Foundation will provide the recipient with a letter of award explaining the process by which scholarship funds will be disbursed each year. Renewal of the scholarship will be contingent on the recipient's continued enrollment as a full-time student in good standing at an accredited college or university.

Questions

Questions regarding the scholarship may be directed to the Student Aid Department at the Foundation.

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Background Information

(Application Form, p. 2)

My unweighted grade point average is _____ of a possible 4.0. My quality point average is _____.

1. What are your goals for attending college? What do you plan to do with your education?

2. Expand on the Activities Resume by answering the following:

A) Why did you chose to participate in the community service activities you have been involved with? What have you learned from these activities?

B) Describe your work experience. How do you think it has helped you prepare for your future?

3. What sets you apart from others? What would you like the Class of 1968 Scholarship Selection Committee to know about you?

By my signature I certify that the information on this application is true and fairly represented. I understand that submission of this application does not guarantee that I will receive the Class of 1968 Memorial Scholarship. I further certify that if chosen as the recipient of the Class of 1968 Memorial Scholarship, I will maintain full-time enrollment and remain in good standing at the college/university I will attend. If at any time I fail to meet these requirements, I understand that I will forfeit any further benefits from the scholarship. **If I receive a full scholarship from another source, I understand that I will forfeit the Class of 1968 Scholarship at time of receipt.**

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

R.J. Reynolds High School Class of 1968 Memorial Scholarship Financial Statement

Father/Guardian's Employer: _____

Position: _____ Yearly Gross Income: _____

Mother/Guardian's Employer: _____

Position: _____ Yearly Gross Income: _____

Other income (example: non-custodial parent): _____ Yearly Gross Income: _____

Note: A copy of pages 1 & 2 of the most recent U.S. income tax return (Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1099SSA, etc.), as filed by the applicant's parent(s)/guardian(s)/where applicable, non-custodial parent(s) must be included with this financial statement. (Copies of tax returns will be destroyed after a recipient of the scholarship has been selected.)

Applicant's Employer: _____

Position: _____ Yearly Gross Income: _____

Estimated cost of your freshman year:

1st-choice college (name: _____)	2nd-choice college (name: _____)
Tuition _____	Tuition _____
Room & Board _____	Room & Board _____
Books _____	Books _____

Amounts that you & your family will supply for college costs your freshman year:

From loans taken out by your parents _____

From loans taken out by you _____

College/trust fund for you _____

Other family savings that you will use _____

Will you work during the school year or summer? _____ How will that income be used? _____

FAMILY MONTHLY EXPENSES

Home Mortgage(s)/Rent: _____ Car Payment(s): _____

Utilities: _____ Medical: _____ Credit cards/loans _____

List any other recurring expenses. If more space is needed, please use another piece of paper.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date