



Scholarship Application and Eligibility Requirements

What is the RIPA Scholarship?

The first place RIPA Scholarship is a \$2,500 scholarship for one year. Runner-up scholarships may be awarded at the committee's discretion in the amount of \$2,500, also for one year.

Who may apply?

Any senior high school student who is a child, grandchild or legal dependent of a current RIPA employee and who will be enrolling in an accredited college, university or trade school for the August 2026 Semester. The enrollment may be in a curriculum of any number of years, but the scholarship will not exceed one year.

How and when do I apply?

Complete the application in accordance with the instructions and deliver it to the RIPA office at the address provided. **All applications must be received in the RIPA office by Friday, May 1, 2026.**

Mailing Address: Attention: RIPA Scholarship Committee
1409 Tech Boulevard, Suite 1
Tampa, FL 33619

Email Submittals: MFurey@Ripaconstruction.com

If you choose to submit via email, please follow-up and verify your application was received.

What must accompany the application?

The application **MUST** be returned along with a transcript of high school grades through the latest period prior to **Friday, May 1, 2026** and a letter of recommendation from a member of the high school faculty. That letter shall include the number of students in the graduating class and the applicant's standing in the class.

How will the application be judged?

The scholarship recipient will be selected by the Scholarship Committee based on the general worthiness of the application. The Scholarship Committee will consider (1) scholastic standing, (2) ACT/SAT scores, (3) extracurricular activities, (4) career goals, (5) past employment, (6) essay and (7) thoroughness of the completed application. This is a merit-based scholarship and not based on applicant's needs.

If selected as a finalist by the Scholarship Committee, you may be required to attend a pre-selection, in-person interview at the RIPA office on a date selected by the Scholarship Committee. If selected as one of the scholarship recipients, you **MUST** attend the RIPA Scholarship Check Presentation to receive your award.



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How will the confidentiality of the application be protected?

When the application has been received by RIPA, each application will be given a number and an acknowledgment is sent to the applicant. The application is handled only by the Scholarship Committee support staff. Once this has been completed, the first page of the application will be placed in a sealed envelope marked only with the application number. Staff will then review the application in detail and remove any and all words or references that provide information relating to the applicant's identity or affiliated RIPA employee. The Scholarship Committee will meet at a predetermined time to review only anonymized copies of the application. Should any committee member recognize the applicant through the remaining information, that member will disqualify themselves from consideration of that application and the remaining Scholarship Committee members will make the determinations regarding that application. Only winning envelopes are opened and the others are destroyed.

How can I obtain further information?

If you have any questions or need clarification of any details, contact Michelle Ramos at the main office by telephone at (813) 623-6777 or via e-mail:

MFurey@ripaconstruction.com



Scholarship Application

Due Date: Friday, May 1, 2026

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Appl.#: _____
(Office use only)

The applicant must complete this form. Sign this sheet and have a parent or guardian approve the application. Answer all questions. If a question does not apply, write "none" in the space provided.

NAME OF APPLICANT (Please print): _____
First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

NAME OF SECONDARY OR HIGH SCHOOL: _____

YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

RIPA EMPLOYEE: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____ Father's Full Name: _____

Relationship to RIPA Employee? _____

After the application is received and acknowledged this sheet will be placed in a sealed envelope and not opened until after the selection has been made. The Scholarship Committee will not have any knowledge of this information during the selection process.

I certify that the information herein is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Date

I approve the submission of this application.

E-mail Address: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Home Phone: _____

Signature of School Counselor

2nd Phone: _____



I. General Information

Name and address of high school: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Ask your Guidance Counselor to attach a copy of your transcript to this application. This is a requirement in applying. Be certain that the Guidance Counselor signs the transcript.

Name and address of the school you intend to enroll in for the next academic year: _____

Have you been accepted? _____

How long is the course of study? _____

When do you expect to finish? _____

Briefly describe the course of study: _____

What are your plans for the summer? _____

What are your career plans? _____



II. Academic and Extra Curricular Information

What course of study have you followed in high school (e.g., college preparatory, business, industrial, etc.)?:

GPA: Weighted: _____ Unweighted: _____

Class Ranking: _____ of _____

Have you taken the College Board Examinations? _____ If "yes" specify which ones (i.e. ACT, SAT) and list all scores:

SAT:

Critical Reading: _____

ACT:

Reading: _____

Mathematics: _____

Mathematics: _____

Writing: _____

English: _____

Science: _____

List honors, awards, prizes or distinctions and dates received:

In what school activities have you participated? List any offices you have held.

List all volunteer hours you performed (briefly describe duties), please indicate which hours were used to meet school, scholarship (i.e. Bright Futures) or any other academic requirement.



Describe any other individual or group activities in the community in which you have participated and list any offices held in organizations: _____

List and describe your hobbies and outside interests: _____

Describe all responsibilities you have at home: _____

What work experience have you had? _____

- III.** Submit an essay of 500 words or less on why you feel you are deserving of this scholarship. Please be reminded this is a **merit based scholarship**, not need based.
- IV.** Please submit at least one senior photo and/or graduation picture along with your application. You may also email your senior picture to MFurey@ripaconstruction.com.
- V.** Should you be selected to receive the RIPA Scholarship, we would like your permission to include portions of your application, essay and photo in our quarterly newsletter. We may also use them in various other communications and publications both online and in print materials. Your signature below will indicate your approval.
- VI.** If selected as a finalist by the Scholarship Committee, I will attend an in-person, pre-selection interview if required.
- VII.** If selected as a scholarship recipient, I will attend Scholarship Awards Ceremony to receive my award.