

ROCKEFELLER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

GUIDELINES

Introduction

The Rockefeller Scholarship Award (RSA) was started in 1953 by the late Winthrop Rockefeller. The award is solely for African American students attending accredited collegiate institutions in Pulaski County, Arkansas. The selection of scholarship recipients is based on high scholarship, financial need and personal integrity. The Little Rock School District Board of Directors is responsible for administering the scholarship endowment trust fund.

The following guidelines for the Rockefeller Scholarship Award were designed with several objectives in mind. **First**, the RSA should increase the opportunity for low income African American students to attend college. **Second**, the RSA is expected to help combat the declining enrollment of African American students in higher education. **Third**, the RSA should motivate African American high school students to achieve and maintain high scholarship and good citizenship. Finally, the academic requirements of the RSA should help give scholarship recipients a good foundation for future academic growth and development.

Eligibility

The award is solely for African American students attending accredited collegiate institutions in Pulaski County, Arkansas. Other requirements include:

1. At least a 2.5 GPA
2. Good citizenship
3. Three (3) letters of recommendation
4. Financial need
5. Letter of acceptance to post-secondary institution
6. Member of a service or academic organization (extracurricular activities can be used as substitutes)

Eligibility for Institutions

Scholarship recipients must attend a collegiate institution in Pulaski County, Arkansas, that is accredited by the North Central Association. At present, scholarship recipients may attend Arkansas Baptist College, Philander Smith College, Pulaski Technical College or the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

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Extent of Scholarship

The Rockefeller Scholarship Award is for LRSD graduating seniors only. Recipients must successfully enroll and complete 12 hours or more of coursework during each semester. Scholarships will not be awarded for the summer semester.

Requirements for Scholarship Recipients

Scholarship recipients must maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative average. Recipients failing to attain a 2.5 cumulative average the first semester will forfeit their scholarship for the second semester. In addition, students that drop below 12 semester hours will forfeit their scholarship.

Amount and Number of Scholarships

- Scholarship for recipients:
2.5 GPA and above - \$2,000.00 total
\$1,000.00 per semester (**25 students or 5 students per high school**)

Announcements

The availability of scholarships/applications will be announced no later than February 10, 2017

Deadline for Applications

The deadline for returning applications will be **no later than April 14, 2017**.

Announcement of Recipients

All recipients, and the respective institutions, will be notified in writing by June 15 of each year. Any vacancies remaining after April 14th will be announced immediately and filled on or before August 1st.