2020 Rockland Trust Scholarship Application



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2020 Rockland Trust Scholarship Application Instructions

Rockland Trust is pleased to announce that it is making 11 \$2,500 scholarships available for high school seniors entering college during the fall semester of 2020.

Please read carefully the attached guidelines before completing your application. All scholarship applications must be postmarked by **March 16, 2020** to be considered. Any incomplete or falsified applications will be invalid.

Instructions:

- 1. Student should complete all sections on pages one through three of the application.
- 2. Student should provide an essay of **500 words or less** for the topic given on page two.
- 3. Student should have their guidance counselor fill out page four of the application, attach the requested supporting documentation in a sealed envelope and mail with the completed application to the address given below by **March 16 2020**.
- 4. Your completed application, essay, and academic achievements should be postmarked by **March 16, 2020** and mailed to:

Rockland Trust Scholarship Attn. Melissa Guimond 288 Union Street Rockland, MA 02370

IMPORTANT: If you are chosen as one of the 11 scholarship award recipients, you will be required to supply a letter from the college to which you have been accepted for the fall semester of 2020 to verify your enrollment. If you are chosen and do not supply this letter, you will forfeit your scholarship award. In addition, each award recipient is invited to attend an awards reception and participate in a photo shoot at a date to be determined by Rockland Trust.



Rockland Trust Scholarship Guidelines 2020

Purpose: To recognize and reward exceptional high school students in our market area for academic achievement and community involvement.

Awards: 11 \$2,500 scholarships

Eligibility Requirements:

- 1. Applicant must live within Rockland Trust's service area.
- 2. Rockland Trust employees and their relatives are not eligible.
- 3. Applicant must be entering college for the first time, enrolled as a full time student (as defined by the accredited educational institution at which the applicant has enrolled), in an undergraduate course of study which offers courses beyond the high school level. Enrollment only at accredited colleges, universities and community colleges will be considered. The scholarship is available only in the first semester of study.
- 4. Applicant must fall in the **top 50%** of their graduating class.
- 5. It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify Rockland Trust of other financial aid that has been awarded to the applicant. The Rockland Trust scholarship award plus any financial aid received by the student must not exceed the total of tuition, books, fees, room and board.
- 6. Should the recipient withdraw from the educational institution, any refund due should be returned to Rockland Trust.
- 7. Official transcripts of grades from the high school the applicant attends must be included with the guidance counselor's portion of the application and must include the two most recent semesters' grade point average. A copy of the applicant's highest ACT or SAT scores must be included in the guidance counselor's portion of the application.
- 8. If you are chosen as one of the 11 award recipients of the 2020 Rockland Trust scholarship, you will be required to supply a letter from the college to which you have been accepted for the fall semester of 2020 to verify enrollment. If you are chosen and do not supply this letter, you will forfeit your scholarship award.

Selection Criteria:

- 1. Selection will be based on the applicant's academic achievement, community service and extracurricular activities.
- 2. Applications must be completed online by March 16, 2020 to be considered. Winners will be notified by May 18, 2020 and invited to a reception and photo shoot.
- 3. Applications must be complete and accompanied by the two most recent semester grades on an official high school transcript and a copy of the applicant's highest college entrance examination scores.
- 4. The Rockland Trust Scholarship Committee will record and score all complete applications received by the deadline. Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria:
 - a. Academic Accomplishment: 30 pointsb. Community Service/Extracurricular Activity 35 points
 - c. Essay 35 points



Applicant Information

Name:

High School Name:

Your Street Address:

Your City, State, Zip:

Your Telephone:

Your Email Address:

College/University Information

To what colleges have you applied for admission?

To which one(s) have you been accepted?

What is your first choice?

What is your planned major area of study?

What scholarship monies or financial aid are you scheduled to receive?

Parent/Guardian Information

| Parent/Guardian Name(s): | |
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| Parent/Guardian Address: | |
| City, State, Zip: | |
| Telephone Number: | |
| Mother/Guardian Occupation: | Father/Guardian Occupation: |
| Email Address: | Email Address: |
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Community Involvement/Work Activities

1. Please list extracurricular during junior and senior year only. Use additional paper if necessary.

| Dates | Activity/Organization/Club | Position Held/Honors Won | Contact Name & Phone Number |
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2. Please list work activities during junior and senior year only. (Include summer employment and other work activity)

| Employer Name, Contact & Phone Number | Job/Responsibilities | Dates |
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3. Please list volunteer/Community Involvement during junior and senior year only.

| Dates | Organization | Contact Name & Phone Number | Hours completed |
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<u>Essay</u>

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide your answer to the following question in 500 words or less. Please include your <u>first and last name and high school</u> on the first page of your essay.

Why do you think it's important for young people to give back to their communities through volunteerism and community service? Please describe your own community involvement and how you believe it will help you to be successful in college and in the workforce.

To the best of my knowledge, this application is complete and accurate. I understand that if it is determined that any part of this application has been willfully falsified, the entire application will become invalid and I will be disqualified as a potential candidate for this scholarship. In addition, I understand my responsibilities to provide certain documentation should I be chosen as an award recipient.

Signature of Applicant:



Academic Achievements

Please have your guidance counselor or principal complete this page.

Student's Name:

High School:

Town:

1. College entrance examination score. Please include official score sheet.

| ACT | Composite: |
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| SAT | Total Combined Score: |

2. Student's cumulative high school grade point average (GPA), excluding spring semester senior year. Note: Please provide on a 4.0 base only.

| GPA |
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3. Does this student fall within the **top 50%** of the 2020 graduating senior class? Check if yes.

| By signing this form I understand that I am endorsing the student mentioned above for the 2020 |
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| Rockland Trust Scholarship and do so without reservation. |

Name of person completing form:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

<u>Guidance Counselor</u>: Please attach an official high school transcript of grades and ACT/SAT scores to this completed form and have it postmarked by March 16, 2020. Complete application can be mailed to:

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