



Renaissance Scholars Program

The Renaissance Scholars program offers a renewable college scholarship of up to \$4,000 awarded annually (with a maximum cumulative award of up to \$16,000) to students who meet one of the following conditions:

- A high school senior or high school graduate planning to attend a fully accredited 4-year U.S. college or university, must be an incoming freshman or sophomore (no more than 60 credit hours earned); or
- An community college student who has completed at least one year and is planning to transfer as a sophomore or junior to a 4-year U.S. college or university seeking a bachelor's degree. Note: Financial awards will begin with the first term of enrollment at the student's 4-year institution.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be the first member of their immediate family to attend a 4-year college or university
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and have shown academic achievement
- Must be incoming freshman or sophomore seeking a bachelor's degree (and not previously have earned a bachelor's degree). Recipient may attend a community college, but only with the intention of transferring and obtaining a bachelor's degree
- Plan to attend on a full-time basis time at a Title IV eligible public or private (nonprofit) college or university
- Have demonstrated good character either through leadership potential (school, home and/or community activities); a concern for others (through contributions to volunteer projects and/or family needs); and/or work ethic (responsibility, initiative and skill-building through paid or unpaid work experiences).

DEADLINE

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Round 1: February 1

Round 2: May 1

Round 3: August 1

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Renaissance Scholars Program (continued)

TO APPLY, please fill out the attached scholarship application, sign, and attach the following information/documents:

- Official High School transcripts and SAT/ACT scores (unofficial copies SAT/ACT scores are acceptable)
- College transcripts from all schools attended if applicable (unofficial copies are acceptable)
- Two letters of recommendation as follows:
 - One Educational Recommendation – Instructor, former principal, counselor, or college success coach who knows the student in an academic capacity, and
 - One Personal Recommendation – anyone who has known the student at least two years and is not a family member

Note: Recommenders can use the attached recommendation forms or write the letter separately from the form and email it (see pages 5 & 6)

- Write two essays, each 1,000 words or less:

First essay, answer the following topic:

- Describe a significant personal challenge or problem, how it affected you, how you overcame or tried to overcome the problem, and what you learned about yourself in the process.

Second essay, answer one of the following topics (your choice):

- How would your best friend describe your character? How would your worst enemy describe your character?
 - Outside of your family, who is your primary role model? Why? What have you learned from this person that has shaped your character and goals?
 - Describe your career as you imagine it 10 years from now,
 - Introduce yourself to us so that we may get to know you better—your personality, best and worst traits, future goals and passion around your field of study.
- Attach a copy of your parent's most recent Federal Income tax forms including signature or a copy of your FAFSA results including EFC (Expected Family Contribution)
Note: If your family does not file taxes, please attach a document explaining the circumstances in detail.

Renaissance Scholarship Application

Student

Name: _____

ID#: _____

Date of birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary E-mail: _____

Primary phone number: () _____

Alternate phone number: () _____

Alternate phone belongs to: _____

Cumulative high school GPA: _____

Name of High School and Graduation Date: _____

Admitted/Applied to (names of all colleges/universities): _____

Major (if known): _____

College credits completed: _____ Other Scholarships receiving: _____

Estimated annual household income: _____

Number of persons in household: _____

Highest level in high school completed by: Father: _____ Mother: _____

Highest level in college completed by: Father: _____ Mother: _____

Highest level of schooling completed by sibling(s): _____

Race/Ethnicity: You are encouraged to supply this information; however, you may decline without prejudicing your application in any way. Please check all that apply.

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian-American

Black, African American, Non-Hispanic

Asian

Hispanic/Latino American

Pacific Islander

White, Non-Hispanic

Other: _____

Middle Eastern

Decline to respond

North African

What organization/school referred you to this scholarship? _____

Please attach to this application the following materials and email to trfscholars@gmail.com:

- Your final or most recent high school transcripts
- Most recent transcripts from each college attended
- SAT/ACT scores
- two letters of recommendation (one academic and one personal)
- two essays
- most recent tax return copies or FASFA documentation if applicable

I certify that this application and all attachments are complete and true. I hereby authorize all the aforementioned college/university to furnish copies of my academic record, this application, and letters of recommendation to the Scholarship Committee and the scholarship donor for review. I authorize my college or university to furnish information on academic progress to the scholarship donor. If selected, I further authorize release of information for publicity purposes.

Applicant's Signature

Date

EDUCATIONAL RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION:

This form is to be filled out by someone who knows the applicant well in an educational setting such as an instructor, principal, counselor or college success coach who knows the student in an academic capacity and is not a family member.

Statement of support for the applicant:

Please write a statement of support for this student's application for the Renaissance Scholarship either on this page or, if separate, please attach to this form. Be specific about the student. In particular, what makes this student a good candidate for a scholarship? Please print in ink, type, or word process.

Name: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Length of time you have known the student: _____

Your address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your telephone number: () _____

E-mail address: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

You may submit your recommendation by emailing this completed this form or a letter of recommendation for student to trfscholars@gmail.com . Please put the student's name in the subject line of email.

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION:

This form is to be filled out by someone who knows the applicant well in an educational setting, in a civic capacity, or as a personal acquaintance for at least 2 years and is not a family member.

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Name: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Length of time you have known the student: _____

Your address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your telephone number: () _____

E-mail address: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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ESSAYS :

Please attach the essays to your scholarship application in a Microsoft Word document or PDF.

Write two essays, each 1,000 words or less:

- **First essay**, answer the following topic:
 - Describe a significant personal challenge or problem, how it affected you, how you overcame or tried to overcome the problem, and what you learned about yourself in the process.
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Check list for Renaissance Scholarship Application

- Applicant Information Form
- Copies of your high school and college transcripts
- SAT/ACT scores
- Recommendation Form with Statement of Support
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- Essay 1
- Essay 2
- Federal Income tax forms or FASFA documentation if applicable

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