



2026 RCC Scholarship Details

Scholarship Award Amounts:

2 – Trades/Vocational scholarships to be awarded in the amount of \$1,500 each

4 – Academic scholarships to be awarded in the amount of \$1,500 each

Eligibility and Requirements:

1. Must live or attend public or private high school within Algoma, Cannon, Courtland, Plainfield townships or the City of Rockford area of Kent County.
2. Must be a high school graduate in the 2025/2026 school year.
3. Must be planning to continue education following high school graduation, either on an academic path or trades/vocational path.
4. Must complete the scholarship application form.
5. Must receive a reference letter from a high school administrator, coach, teacher, instructor, supervisor, trades mentor, or Rockford Chamber of Commerce member. This reference letter is limited to one page, typed (single-spaced) or handwritten and must be signed by the referring individual. This cannot be from a relative of the applicant.
6. Must submit a video following the below criteria.

Video Theme:

Please submit a 60-90 second video answering the following questions:

1. Introduce yourself (Name, school, etc.)
2. What got you interested in your prospective career path?
3. How would this scholarship help in your career path?
4. What are your next steps?
5. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

Deadlines and Key Dates:

1. Completed applications and videos must be received no later than midnight on March 31, 2026, Email submissions can be sent to execdir@rockfordmichamber.com with the subject line: *Chamber Scholarship*. Digital submissions may also be submitted on the Chamber website through the applicable link.
2. Determination: The Rockford Chamber of Commerce Foundation Board will determine the recipients of the scholarships. Winner will be notified no later than April 30, 2026.
3. A certificate will be presented to the winner by a member of the Rockford Chamber Board at the RPS high school honors convocation (if applicable). Winners will be announced in the Rockford Chamber of Commerce Rogue Review publication and showcased at the RCC Annual Scholarship Golf Outing in July.

Distribution of Funds: Details will be discussed with winners directly.



2026 Scholarship Application

Type of Scholarship: Academic Trades

Contact Information:

Name (printed): _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Scholarship Questionnaire:

Name of your high school: _____

What College and/or Program do you plan to attend or are considering attending in 2026?

Please list any focus, majors, or programs. For trades, please include any employers you would plan to work with. (if applicable)

Explain your future plans/goals: What career do you hope to get when you complete your program?



Who has been a teacher or mentor that has impacted your outlook on your future? Please explain.

List any extracurricular activities, awards, and community involvement you have participated in during high school.

List your hobbies, talents, and work experience.

Please include the following with this application:

- Reference Letter
- Video application

By signing this application, you agree that you meet the eligibility & requirements outlined in the attached "2026 RCC Scholarship Details". Failure to meet these requirements will exclude applicant from scholarship award.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____