



December 29, 2019

Dear Applicant,

The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club (RIAWC) thanks you for your interest in applying for our merit-based scholarship for financial assistance to further your education. Scholarship dollar amount will be up to \$1,500. This scholarship is open to applicants who have **not previously received a RIAWC scholarship** and meet the eligibility criteria as stated on the High School Senior Merit Scholarship Instructions.

Please ensure your application is complete before mailing. ONLY the 2020-21 version of this application will be accepted; older versions will be automatically disqualified. The application will be automatically disqualified if any required item is not included. The application and all required documents must be mailed together in **ONE** envelope to the following address, unless your school requires transcripts be sent under separate cover:

ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL WELCOME CLUB, ATTN: MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 3186, ROCK ISLAND, IL 61204.

It is strongly suggested that applications be mailed using return receipt. The envelope must be postmarked **NO LATER THAN March 2, 2020.**

All applicants will be notified by mail and email in May or June 2020 of the committee's decision. Recipients of the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club's Merit Scholarship and their guests will be honored at a ceremony in May or June 2020. The awarded funds will be in the form of a check issued to the student's college, university, or technical school. These funds must be used during the 2020-2021 academic school year. The scholarship will be forfeited if the student does not show proof of acceptance and enrollment for the 2020-2021 academic year. The applicant is responsible for identifying the address of the receiving office at the college/university and providing that address to the RIAWC Scholarship Chair in a timely manner.

The Scholarship Committee reserves the sole right to determine whether each applicant meets the eligibility criteria as stated in the High School Senior Merit Scholarship Application packet. If you have any questions concerning the application packet or would like further information, please e-mail: RIAWCscholarship@gmail.com.

The Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club is proud to be able to contribute financial support to outstanding students. We look forward to meeting this year's scholarship recipients.

Thank You,

Diane Campbell,
President, Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club
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HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible, the applicant must be currently attending high school or currently home schooled.

1. Applicant must reside in the local area or have a parent/sponsor residing in local area AND meet one of the following criteria:
 - a) hold a valid Military ID card (including dependent ID card) or a valid Federal ID card issued by Rock Island Arsenal, or
 - b) have a parent/sponsor who holds a valid Military ID card or valid Federal ID card issued by Rock Island Arsenal, or
 - c) who volunteers in a Rock Island Arsenal philanthropic organization, or
 - d) have a parent who volunteers in a Rock Island Arsenal philanthropic organization.
2. Applicant must plan to attend an accredited university, college, or trade school in a program of study leading to a baccalaureate, an associate, or a specialized technical degree during the 2020-2021 academic year.
3. The scholarship will be forfeited if the student does not show proof of acceptance and enrollment for the 2020-2021 academic year.
4. Applicant has never received a scholarship from the RIAWC.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Two Essays.** Provide a separate sheet for each essay response; essays must be type written, **double-spaced**, 300 to 500 words. Please include the essay question at the top of the essay and the word count at the bottom of the essay.
 - a. **When you turn 35, what do you envision being and doing? What is your plan to accomplish your goals?**
 - b. **Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you. How could you be an agent of change for this issue?**
2. **Completed Application.** Complete pages 3-8.
3. **Two Letters of Recommendation.** Include one from a current faculty member or instructor if home schooled. The second should be from a community member, employer, or a different faculty member with whom you have been associated in the last two years.
4. **Official Transcript.** Most current official academic transcript in a sealed envelope from your registrar's office. Mail to RIAWC address, no later than March 2, 2020.
5. **ACT or SAT Scores** (optional). A copy of your results unless score is indicated on your official transcript. May be used for awarding purposes.
6. **One self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope.**
7. **A photo.** This will be used on the RIAWC poster if you are awarded a scholarship, so we recommend a headshot. **Please email a JPEG-format photo to RIAWCscholarship@gmail.com before March 2, 2020. This photo is not seen by the judges.**

****Applications are automatically disqualified if: (1) All required materials are not included in one envelope; unless the high school requires transcripts be sent under separate cover. The photo should be emailed. (2) If the application envelope is postmarked later than March 2, 2020.**

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STUDENT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address (required): _____

Name & Address of your current high school: _____

SPONSOR INFORMATION

Full Name/Rank: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

(Please check all that apply):

Active Duty/Retired Military DOD/DA Civilian Deceased RIAWC Member

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Unit Address/Duty Station or place of employment on RIA: _____

If parent/guardian is a current RIAWC member, please list name: _____

List any RIAWC Board positions ever held, and year(s): _____

Privacy Act Statement: *Under authority of US Title 10, Section 3012, the enclosed personal information will be maintained by the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club Scholarship Committee for administrative use and released only to the individuals needed to evaluate the application. The disclosure of the information is voluntary; however, failure to disclose all or part of the requested information may hinder evaluation of the application.*

I certify that the information in the application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be disqualified if I have knowingly included false information in this application. I agree to abide by the conditions of the Merit Scholarship Committee and accept the final decisions of the independent selection committee.

PLEASE CHOOSE YES OR NO:

Yes, I hereby give permission to the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club to use my name and photo for publication in articles relating to and/or publicizing the RIAWC Scholarship grants and program.

No, I do not give permission to the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club to use my name and photo for publication in articles relating to and/or publicizing the RIAWC Scholarship grants and program.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

List the college or university that you plan to attend in the academic year 2020-2021. If you are still considering your options, list your top three choices.

What is your intended major & minor area of study?

Work Experience. * List all work experience in the last four years.

<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Employer</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Average Hours Per Week</u>
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Sports Activities. * List all sports beginning with the most recent year. State sport leadership positions.

<u>Year(s)</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Leadership Role, if any</u>
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* Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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Special Awards, Recognitions or Achievements* List all awards, etc. received in the last four years. Include year received honor and award sponsor/donor.

Volunteer Activities. * List all volunteer activities during the last four years.

Year(s) Organization Description of Activity Average Hours Per Week

Organizations and Clubs. * List all community and school organizations and clubs.

Year(s) Organization Leadership Role(s)

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HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION RECOMMENDATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION #1 (FACULTY)

Include one (1) letter of recommendation from a faculty member who has known you within the last two years. **This letter MUST come from a faculty member who is not related to you.**

Applicant's Name: _____

Faculty Name: _____

Association with applicant: _____

Length of time: _____

Dear Faculty Member:

To complete the applicant's RIAWC HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR Merit Scholarship Application, please write a recommendation letter. **To eliminate any bias, please DO NOT use the student's name, age, race, or sex in your evaluation. Refer to him/her as "the applicant."**

Please consider the applicant's ability to complete his/her proposed program of study and assigned responsibilities by addressing and evaluating the following areas: personal character, intellectual promise, industry, motivation, leadership, integrity, overall performance, and ability to work with others.

Staple this sheet to your letter of recommendation. After signing the letter, please seal in an envelope, sign over the envelope seal, and return the completed recommendation to applicant with sufficient time for applicant to meet the postmark deadline of March 2, 2020.

Thank you for your willingness to help this applicant apply for a scholarship from the Rock Island Arsenal Welcome Club.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION #2

(COMMUNITY MEMBER/EMPLOYER/ADDITIONAL FACULTY)

Include one (1) letter of recommendation from a community member, employer, or additional faculty member who has known you within the last two years.

Applicant's Name: _____

Community Member/Employer or Faculty Name: _____

Association with Applicant: _____

Length of Time: _____

Dear Community Member, Employer, or Faculty Member:

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