



Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation Scholarship Application Instructions

➤ **What is RHEF?**

The Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation (RHEF) was established in 1999. RHEF's goal is to enhance and enrich educational opportunities for the students and staff of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District by raising funds and awarding grants and scholarships.

➤ **Why do we offer the RHEF Scholarship?**

RHEF wants to recognize and reward students who have made the most of the educational opportunities available to them within the Rush Henrietta Central School District. Therefore the RHEF scholarship program was established to enable high school seniors, who have demonstrated excellence in various areas, to continue their education and pursue their dreams. RHEF has committed to award a scholarship each year. RHEF will award one \$1,000 scholarship.

➤ **How can the RHEF Scholarship help you reach your goal?**

This scholarship provides financial assistance for education beyond high school - no matter what career paths the winner chooses. The scholarship may be used to help pay for any costs associated with attending a two or four year college or university.

➤ **Who is eligible for an RHEF Scholarship?**

Any current high school senior is eligible if he or she meets these qualifications:
(*RHEF Trustees and their immediate families are NOT eligible*)

- Will graduate from Rush Henrietta Senior High School (and)
- Maintained an 80 average for the first 3 1/2 years of school (and)
- Plans to continue his or her education beyond high school in any institution of higher education.

We encourage application from any qualified students!

➤ **Are there restrictions on the RHEF Scholarship?**

The winner may use the scholarship for enrollment and attendance tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for course instruction in any two or four year college or university. In order to receive their scholarship, the winner must provide proof of high school graduation and evidence of enrollment in a post high school education. If the winner chooses to postpone their education or enter military service their scholarship will be reserved for up to four years from the date of their high school graduation or up to three months following military discharge.

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➤ What criteria are used to judge RHEF Scholarship applications?

Judging, by a committee selected by the RHEF Board of Trustees, will be based on the content and quality of your essay and references. Your course averages have demonstrated your commitment toward academics.

In your essay please describe your future career plans, and answer the question:
"What did your education in R-H mean to you and how has it prepared you for your future?"

PROCEDURES FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION PACKAGE:

1. **Application Form:** All required information on the application must be filled in. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. **Essay:** Your essay should consist of **two** sections:
 - a. Your response to the question *"What did your education in R-H mean to you and how has it prepared you for your future?"*
 - b. Your future career goals.

The essay will receive the most weight when judging your application so be descriptive and give examples. ***Your course average will not affect the judging, so please DO NOT include your course average.*** Your essay should be one to two pages long, typewritten, and double-spaced.
3. **Recommendations:** You must include **two** recommendation letters. Both should be written by an adult, and must state how he or she knows you and for how long. Please ask them to tell us about your character and accomplishments.
4. **Grade Verification:** You must have your high school counselor verify on your application that you have at least an 80 average.

Completed applications must be submitted to Mrs. Simonelli in the R-H Senior High Counseling Center, by FRIDAY – MARCH 10, 2017.

REMINDER - Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The RHEF Scholarship will be presented at the Rush-Henrietta Senior Awards Night.



Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation Scholarship Application Form

➤ **Personal Information**

Last Name

First Name

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Home Telephone

Home Address

City

Zip Code

School Counselor

➤ **Immediately after high school I plan to enter:**

(check the one that best describes your current plans)

_____ Community or two year school

_____ Four-year college or university

➤ **By my signature below, I verify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information included in my application and essay is correct**

Signature of Student

➤ **A “Green Sheet” (Transcript Request Form) must be submitted for a grade verification**

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE COUNSELING CENTER:

Current unweighted cumulative average (7th semester) _____

Please sign to verify the average listed above and that the applicant has maintained at least an 80% unweighted average through seven semesters.

Signature of senior secretary, HS Counseling Ctr.

Date



Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation Scholarship Checklist

- Have you completed and signed the application?
- Have you attached your essay?
- Have you included two recommendations?
- Have you completed a Green Sheet so your academic grade average can be verified by the Counseling Center?

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