



2018 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*The Rochester West Indian Festival Organization, Inc. was founded in 1984 to preserve cultural heritage among Caribbean people and their descendants, and to share this culture with the Greater Rochester community. The RWIFO, Inc. owes its existence to the community support. The Organization will share its success by offering \$500 scholarships to deserving minority graduating high school seniors of the Greater Rochester area. One \$700 scholarship will be given in memory of **Mary Thompson**, founding member and first RWIFO president, to a student with outstanding community service.*

SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- Applicants must have applied to an accredited institution of higher learning.
- Applicants must provide an official high school transcript
- Applicants must provide an official copy of SAT and/or ACT scores.
- Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation:
 - One from a high school counselor or current teachers.
 - One from a community leader, former teacher, minister, employer or mentor.
- Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 Grade Point Average.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The complete application packet must be mailed to:

Rochester West Indian Festival Organization
PO BOX 64551 Rochester, NY 14624

Or emailed to
scholarship@rwifo.com

No later than **February 16, 2018**
Please include a digital photo (head shot) of yourself.

NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT

The scholarship recipients will be notified by **March 17, 2018** and will be awarded their scholarship certificate at our Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance, which will be held in April 2018. A check will be mailed following verification of college enrollment. Award will be forfeited if notification is not received by **September 30, 2018**.

Final selection is based on community involvement, academic achievement, character, and leadership ability. *For more information, please contact RWIFO, Inc. at (585) 234-0909 or email at scholarship@rwifo.com.*



PERSONAL INFORMATION

(*Indicates Required Information)

*Name: *Date of Birth:

*Email: *Parent/Guardian:

*Address

*City: *Zip Code: Race:

* Home Phone: Cellphone:

Number of persons in your family (including you): Gender: Male Female

Were you, your parents, or grandparents born in the West Indies? Yes No

If yes, who? Country

*High School: *Graduation Date:

*GPA: / SAT: ACT:

Honors & Awards:

School Activities:

Community Activities:

RWIFO Activities:

If you are employed, Employer's Name::

Position:

Brief Job Description:

*List sources of financial aid (include scholarships and/or grants) received thus far:



*Name List the school(s) to which you have applied.	Location	Projected Yearly Tuition	Accepted
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***Letters of Recommendation**

Letters of recommendation are necessary in order to evaluate your application. One must come from a counselor or current teacher who can evaluate your overall academic performance. The other should come from a community leader, former teacher, minister, employer, or mentor

Please list the individuals to whom you plan to request your letters of recommendation:

1. Name: Title:

Address: Phone Number

2. Name: Title:

Address: Phone Number



***BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Please provide an essay of your background and personal history including the following information: education/career goals and objectives, community activities, and any other pertinent information necessary to access your qualification for this scholarship. This essay should be approximately 500 words.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the applicant to write their biographical sketch. The box occupies the majority of the page below the instructions.