



# ROCHESTER WEST INDIAN FESTIVAL Organization, Inc.

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P.O. Box 40245, Rochester, NY 14604

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## 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 heritage 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 of the scholarships 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 (inclusive of SAT and/or ACT scores)
- Applicants must provide two letters of recommendation:
  - One from a high school counselor or current teacher
  - One from a community leader, former teacher, minister, employer or mentor
- Applicants must have a minimum of a 2.0 gpa.

### SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The complete application packet must be mail to RWIFO, Inc. by **February 14, 2009**.

### NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT

The scholarship recipients will be notified by March 10. A check will be mailed following verification of college enrollment. Award will be forfeited if notification is not received by **September 30, 2009**

*Final selection is based on academic achievement, character, and leadership ability.*

For more information, please contact RWIFO, Inc. at (585) 234 – 0909 or [scholarship@rwifo.com](mailto:scholarship@rwifo.com)

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ SAT \_\_\_\_\_ ACT \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Honor Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are employed, Employer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Job Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than mother's): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of persons in your family (including yourself): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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List the school(s) to which you have applied. Indicate acceptance with an asterisk (\*).

Name	Location	Projected Tuition	Accepted
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			

*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(Bus or Home): \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(Bus or Home): \_\_\_\_\_

### **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 assess your qualifications for this scholarship. This essay should be approximately 500 words.