



The Congers Valley Cottage Rotary Foundation Scholarship

The Congers Valley Cottage Rotary Foundation Scholarship recognizes a Clarkstown North High School or Rockland Country Day School high school senior who has shown a demonstrated commitment to community service. A \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a promising candidate to assist with costs in attending a college or accredited trade school of his or her choice.

To be considered for The Congers Valley Cottage Rotary Foundation Scholarship applicants must be residents of Rockland County and attend either Clarkstown North High School or Rockland Country Day School. Well-rounded high school seniors who demonstrate a significant commitment of volunteer service to our community are encouraged to apply.

Awarding of The Congers Valley Cottage Rotary Foundation Scholarship is contingent on several criteria, including acceptance to and enrollment in a two- or four-year college or an accredited trade school, and a complete application. Additionally, applicants are required to submit an essay demonstrating their commitment to community service. Scholarship recipients are expected to use their resources wisely, and uphold a high standard of conduct.

The Congers Valley Cottage Rotary Foundation Scholarship award is an outright grant. Although recipients are under no obligation to make repayment, it is hoped that once graduated and engaged in a productive career they will help honor the spirit of this scholarship to give future students a similar financial opportunity.

How to Apply:

The Rockland Community Foundation has transitioned to an online application process. Applications can either be completed using the fillable pdf format, or printed out, completed, and then scanned. ALL required attachments, except letters of recommendation, must be submitted at the same time your application is submitted. DO NOT send materials separately. Only those applications filed online will be given consideration.

Your complete application, including all attachments, must be sent via email to RCFscholarships@gmail.com with the name of the scholarship in the Subject line of your email. Deadline for filing is March 16, 2019. Letters of recommendation must be sent by mail and postmarked no later than March 16, 2019. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Your application will be reviewed by members of the Scholarship Committee and the fund holder. Selection will be based on a student's commitment to service in our community, overall academic progress and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Finalists may be contacted for an interview. Students will be notified by email of any scholarship award or denial on or before **May 1, 2019**.

Application Requirements:

- Completed and signed application –**emailed with required attachments by March 16, 2019**
- Official high school transcript and SAT/ACT* scores from the College Board
- A **brief** description of planned area of study and career goals
- **An essay must accompany your application**. It must be **typed**, double spaced using 12 point Times New Roman font and should be no more two pages long.

Essay Question: Please describe how your commitment to community service has impacted your life and informed your future path.

- One letter of reference. Letter should be mailed **directly** to:

Rockland Community Foundation
The Congers Valley Cottage Rotary Foundation Scholarship
P.O. Box 323
New City, NY 10956

**Note: applicants who will be attending an accredited trade school are not required to submit SAT/ACT scores*

Remember! Keep a copy of your application for your records.

Questions? Call 845-947-2868 or email RCFscholarships@gmail.com

**Email your completed application and all scanned attachments to
RCFscholarships@gmail.com
by March 16, 2019**

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APPLICATION

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Sex _____ Birthplace _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

High School: _____ Graduation date: _____

College or trade school attending (if known) _____

Planned area of study and career goals:

Extra curricular and community service activities:

The Congers Valley Cottage Rotary Foundation Scholarship - Essay

Completion of this essay is a required component for consideration of your scholarship application. (see formatting requirements on p.2)

Please describe how your commitment to community service has impacted your life and informed your future path.

Reference:

It is the applicant's responsibility to ask the selected reference to submit a short letter to the Rockland Community Foundation giving their opinion of the applicant's character, strengths, weaknesses and abilities and any other information that would help in the reviewing process.

**Letter should be sent to:
Rockland Community Foundation
ATTN: Congers Valley Cottage Rotary Foundation Scholarship
P.O. Box 323
New City, NY 10956**

**Certification and Permissions
Please Read and Sign**

I hereby affirm that the information contained herein is true and correct. I hereby grant permission to the Rockland Community Foundation to verify such information and to release information to the donor of the Congers Valley Cottage Rotary Foundation Scholarship.

I understand that receipt of this scholarship grant is contingent on continued enrollment for a minimum of two years, and providing proof of enrollment. Falsification of any information or failure to meet these requirements will result in the termination of my scholarship and I will be obligated to return any grant monies already received.

I hereby grant and assign the Rockland Community Foundation the right to use my biographical information, essay response, and my image to publicize my nomination and/or receipt of this scholarship award, and to promote the goals of the scholarship, for editorial, trade, advertising or any other purpose and in any manner and medium, including website and internet promotion.

I also consent to have a copy of my application and all supporting materials retained indefinitely by the Rockland Community Foundation.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/
Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____