



The Chazen Spirit of Rockland Scholarship recognizes and supports Rockland County youth dedicated to pursuing higher education studies. Each year a scholarship will be awarded to a promising Rockland County high school senior in need of financial aid, to assist with costs in attending a college of his or her choice.

To be considered for The Chazen Spirit of Rockland Scholarship, applicants must be residents of Rockland County and attend a public, private or parochial school within Rockland County. Well rounded high school seniors who demonstrate a significant commitment of volunteer service to our community are encouraged to apply.

The Chazen Spirit of Rockland Scholarship is granted in **four annual installments of \$1000** per year. Scholarships are renewable for up to four years for qualifying recipients enrolled without interruption in a college of their choice for a total grant not to exceed \$4,000.00. Awards are granted for a specific period of study and are not carried over if unused.

Renewal of the The Chazen Spirit of Rockland Scholarship is contingent upon several criteria including: continued enrollment in a four year college and meeting reporting requirements, proof of satisfactory achievement, continued financial need and the availability of Foundation funds. Scholarship recipients are expected to use their resources wisely, uphold a high standard of conduct and study and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA. Each scholarship recipient must submit to the Rockland Community Foundation annual reports for each academic term along with proof of enrollment verified by an official transcript of the courses taken and grades received in each academic term. Installments of the award will be made after receipt of required reporting materials. Funds are generally released in September.

The Chazen Spirit of Rockland 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 sustain the "Spirit" 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, if being sent by mail, must be postmarked no later than March 16, 2019. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Your application will be reviewed by a committee comprised of members of the Rockland Community Foundation and the scholarship fund holder. Selections will be based on a student's commitment to service to our community, demonstration of leadership skills, financial need, 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 application – **emailed with required attachments by March 16, 2019**
- Minimum 3.0 GPA and a combined minimum 1200 SAT score or 26 ACT
- High school transcript and SAT scores from the College Board
- A brief description of planned area of study and career goals
- A sample letter encouraging a family or business to relocate to Rockland County. Typed on a separate sheet – 12 point double spaced not to exceed one page or 250 words maximum.
- Two letters of reference. Letters should be mailed directly to:
Rockland Community Foundation
Chazen Spirit of Rockland Scholarship
P.O. Box 323
New City, NY 10956
- A typed resume detailing your extra-curricular and community service experience
- Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) most recent tax return (first two pages only-IRS form 1040)

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: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

High School: _____ Graduation date: _____

College attending (if already known) _____

RESOURCES

Scholarships/Grants:	Confirmed	Renewable	Amount
Loans:	Confirmed	Renewable	Amount
Other income			Amount
TOTAL RESOURCES			
Anticipated Expenses			Amount
Tuition			
Room & board			
Books, fees, etc.			
TOTAL EXPENSES			
LESS RESOURCES			
ESTIMATED SHORTFALL			

Financial information of Parents/Guardians

Father/Guardian _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Work/Cell _____

Employer _____

Total annual gross income \$ _____

Mother/Guardian _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Work/Cell _____

Employer _____

Total annual gross income \$ _____

_____ Residence owned - monthly mortgage \$ _____ approximate value \$ _____

_____ Residence rented - monthly rental \$ _____

Total value of all assets including savings, securities, business interests, investments and other real estate \$ _____

Are there any other children in the family attending college at this time?

Name	Age	School

PLEASE ATTACH THE FIRST 2 PAGES OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS MOST RECENT TAX RETURN (FORM 1040)

References:

It is the applicant’s responsibility to ask these **two** references to submit a short letter **DIRECTLY** 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. Reference letters may not be emailed.

**Letters should be sent to:
The Rockland Community Foundation
Attn: Chazen Spirit of Rockland 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 or potential donor of The Chazen Spirit of Rockland Scholarship.

If, for any reason, I transfer to a different college I promise to notify the Rockland Community Foundation immediately. I understand that receipt of this scholarship grant is contingent on several criteria including, continuing enrollment, meeting reporting requirements, proof of satisfactory achievement and continued financial need and availability of Foundation funds. 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 and image to publicize my nomination and/or receipt of this scholarship award 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: _____