



Christine Gallagher Scholarship

The Christine Gallagher Scholarship recognizes a Rockland County high school senior who has shown a demonstrated commitment towards the education and treatment of those with disabilities. Each year a \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a promising Rockland County high school senior, to assist with costs in attending a college of his or her choice.

To be considered for The Christine Gallagher 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.

Awarding of the Christine Gallagher Scholarship is contingent on several criteria including acceptance to and enrollment in a two- or four-year college, and a complete application. Additionally, applicants are required to submit an essay demonstrating their commitment towards the education and treatment of those with disabilities either as a course of study in high school, an intended field of study in college, or volunteer/employment service working with the disabled. Scholarship recipients are expected to use their resources wisely, and uphold a high standard of conduct.

The Christine Gallagher 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 memory of Christine Gallagher 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 you have shown a demonstrated commitment towards the education and treatment of those with disabilities.

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

Rockland Community Foundation
The Christine Gallagher Scholarship
P.O. Box 323
New City, NY 10956

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 attending (if already known) _____

Planned area of study and career goals:

Extra curricular and community service activities:

The Christine Gallagher 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 you have shown a demonstrated commitment towards the education and treatment of those with disabilities.

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 Christine Gallagher 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: _____