



The Peggy O'Gorman Leadership Scholarship

Please read the following information and ensure that you meet all of the eligibility criteria before completing this application.

Peggy O'Gorman was a student who made a difference for so many in the Nyack High School Class of 1982. Her leadership and service were often at the heart of what made the Class of 1982 special and distinct; her boundless sense of hope and infectious sense of optimism spread throughout Nyack High School and well beyond the campus. As Vice President of our Class, Peggy O'Gorman's sense of spirit was evident in all that we did, whether it was the founding of the Nyack Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner, the renovation of the McCallman Field press box and bleachers, or making our Senior Prom affordable to everyone in the Class of 1982. We could not have achieved what we did were it not for Peggy's leadership, friendship and love of her classmates.

In memory of Peggy, her classmates, family and friends have established an annual scholarship in her name through the Rockland Community Foundation. Each year, the scholarship fund will award \$1,500 to a Nyack High School graduating senior who exemplifies the attributes of leadership, service, scholarship and community.

The Rockland Community Foundation (RCF) awards the Peggy O'Gorman Leadership scholarship on the basis of a competitive process that may consider financial need, academic achievement, and demonstrated volunteerism in the Nyack and Valley Cottage communities. The scholarship must be applied to tuition, fees, books or school supplies required for a full time course or its equivalent load at an accredited two or four year college, university or community college in the United States; scholarship check will be made payable to the educational institution.

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for a scholarship or award, all student applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be enrolled as a senior and a current student at Nyack High School, Upper Nyack, New York.
- Be a U.S. Citizen or eligible noncitizen.
- Must be planning to enroll in a two or four-year accredited community college or college/university as a full time student, degree –seeking candidate, or first year student
- Have served in at least one leadership role during the term of the student applicant's experience.
- Demonstrated a volunteer commitment of time in the communities of Nyack and or Valley Cottage.
- Have met a minimum cumulative grade of 85%.
- Completed and submitted application materials by **March 15, 2019** to the Nyack High School Guidance Department (see page 2 for details)

How to Apply

Complete the application on pages 3-4. Applications may be neatly hand printed, with the exception of the essay, which must be typed. Your complete application, including all attachments, must be sent to the Nyack High School Guidance Department no later than **March 15, 2019**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Application Review and Selection of Recipient

Applications will be reviewed by members of a committee comprised of the Nyack High School Guidance department and the fund holder, which will recommend the final recipient subject to approval by the Rockland Community Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Application Materials

In one envelope, submit:

- This completed and signed Application Form including the two (2)-page essay response.
- Nyack High School Transcript through fall semester grades for senior year, including GPA
- Optional - Copy of complete Student Aid Report from the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA)

Your completed application, including all materials, must be returned to the Nyack High School Guidance Department, 360 Christian Herald Rd., Nyack NY, by March 16, 2019.

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

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

APPLICATION

Full Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

College Information:

Name of Educational Institution the Applicant plans to attend

Intended Major: _____ Anticipated graduation date: _____

Student Accounts Office or Bursar contact name, phone number and e-mail:

High School Experience:

Student must have participated in a minimum of two extracurricular activities at Nyack High School during their four-year tenure.

Please list and identify the activities in which the student applicant participated and the role or office, if any held by the student applicant.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Student Applicant's Cumulative GPA (must be equal to at least 85%): _____

In what ways have you volunteered your time in our community of Nyack High School? Describe your volunteer involvement. Please answer in the space below:

ESSAY:

Please prepare in your own words, an essay answering the following questions:
What have you learned by participating in extracurricular activities and how has this experience prepared you for college? What does leadership mean to you?

Essay must be **typed**, double spaced using 12 point Times New Roman font and should be no more two pages long. Please include your own experience and examples.

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 Peggy O’Gorman Leadership 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, 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: _____