



The Tuxedo STEM Fund Scholarship

The **Tuxedo STEM Fund Scholarship** is open to non-resident Tuxedo Union Free School District students in grades 7-12 for the 2018/2019 school year who wish to attend the George F. Baker High School in Tuxedo NY on a full time non-resident tuition basis, and who show demonstrated interest and achievement in STEM related programs/activities. The Scholarship will be granted in one installment, paid directly to the Tuxedo Union Free School District, and will be applied towards the scholarship recipients' non-resident tuition, as follows:

\$7,000 each for GPAs averaging 90+

\$5,000 each for GPAs averaging 85-89.99

\$3,000 each for GPAs averaging 80-84.99

Note: This is a rolling application. Any awarded scholarship will be pro-rated to the day the awarded student actually enters George F. Baker High School. The final number of recipients is dependent upon the applicant pool and available funding for the scholarship program, which will vary from year to year.

Awarding of the **Tuxedo STEM Fund Scholarship** is contingent on several criteria as detailed in the application requirements listed below. Scholarship recipients must commit to attend the George F. Baker High School for the 2018/2019 school year, and uphold a high standard of conduct and academic performance. Renewal of the scholarship is contingent upon proof of satisfactory achievement, receipt of the required reporting materials, and the availability of Foundation funds.

The **Tuxedo STEM Fund Scholarship** award is an outright grant. Although recipients are under no obligation to make repayment, it is hoped that once graduated from college 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. *If possible please send them as a single pdf.*

Your complete application, including all attachments, must be sent via email to info@rocklandgives.org with the name of the scholarship in the Subject line of your email. Letters of recommendation may be either emailed or sent by mail. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Your application will be reviewed by a committee comprised of members of the Rockland Community Foundation. Selections will be based upon the strength of the application, which should include STEM success as demonstrated by Regents scores in Math and Science, strong grades in any STEM-related core classes and electives, as well as STEM related community involvement.

Finalists may be contacted for an interview. Students will be notified by email of any scholarship award approximately two weeks from receipt of their application.

Application Requirements:

- Completed application – **emailed with required attachments**
- Minimum GPA of 80 for the past 12 months (or the equivalent if another grading method is used)
- Current transcript
- One paragraph describing your STEM-related career interests and goals
- One paragraph describing community and school involvement with STEM related interest (some examples - participation in math or science clubs; participation in a summer program that is technology-related; treasurer of a school club; tutoring in math, science or technology; working in a community garden; volunteering at a hospital or senior center)
- **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 on the following: *Please explain the importance of STEM education and STEM related industry and the impact of both on the future of our society.*
- Two letters of reference from individuals other than family members. Recommendations from teachers or guidance counselors who can support your STEM-related interest and from STEM related program sponsors are preferred. Letters should be mailed **directly** to:

Rockland Community Foundation
Tuxedo STEM Fund Scholarship
P.O. Box 323
New City, NY 10956

- Student and Parent/Guardian signature on the application where indicated.

Remember! Keep a copy of your application for your records.
Questions? Call 845-947-2868 or email info@rocklandgives.org

Email your completed application and all scanned attachments to info@rocklandgives.org

APPLICATION

Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Sex _____ Birthplace _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Current School: _____ Graduation date: _____

Community or school involvement with STEM-related interest:

STEM-related career interests and goals:

Reference:

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

Reference #1	Address	Phone
		Email

Reference #2	Address	Phone
		Email

Letters should be sent to: **Rockland Community Foundation**
 P.O. Box 323
 New City, NY 10956
 ATTN: Tuxedo STEM Fund Scholarship

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 **Tuxedo STEM Fund Scholarship**.

I understand that receipt of this scholarship grant is contingent on enrollment at the George F. Baker High School, and that this is for a one-year period only, with priority given to my application for support in subsequent years assuming funding availability and my continued academic excellence. Falsification of any information or failure to meet the additional tuition requirements will result in the termination of my scholarship.

I hereby grant and assign the **Rockland Community Foundation** the irrevocable and unrestricted 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: _____

Tuxedo STEM Fund Scholarship Essay

Essay must be typed, double spaced using 12 point Times New Roman font, no more than two pages long, and based on the following topic:

Please explain the importance of STEM education and STEM related industry and the impact of both on the future of our society.