



Viking Spirit Memorial Scholarship

The Viking Spirit Memorial Scholarship was created by the Class of 1989 to honor the memory of classmates from Clarkstown High School South. Over the years, our classmates have scattered across the globe, moved to different cities, yet managed to remain a strong, supportive community, especially at times when mourning classmates lost too soon. We came together as a community and shared in grief. Now we've turned that grief into good by setting up a scholarship fund commemorating our fellow Vikings and celebrating their life and contributions to the community.

The scholarship recognizes a Clarkstown High School South senior who demonstrates true Viking Spirit, as exemplified through community service and scholastic achievement. A one-time \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to one deserving senior to assist with costs in attending an accredited college of his or her choice.

To be considered for The Viking Spirit Memorial Scholarship applicants must be a resident of the Clarkstown Central School District and attend South High School. Well-rounded high school seniors who demonstrate a significant commitment of volunteer service to our community are encouraged to apply.

Awarding of The Viking Spirit Memorial Scholarship is contingent on several criteria including acceptance to and enrollment in an accredited college no later than the start of the next academic year, as well as a complete application. The senior must demonstrate significant leadership responsibility and a commitment to helping others through Community Service, by submitting an essay of 500 words or less describing how their involvement in community service has impacted the lives of others. A letter of reference must be obtained from a faculty member or a member of the community group/charitable organization where the candidate demonstrates his/her contribution to the community. A minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 is required.

The Viking Spirit Memorial 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 honor the founders of the scholarship by helping 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 mail 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; 3.0 GPA required
- 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 than 500 words. **Essay Question:** Please describe how your involvement in community service has impacted the lives of others
- One letter of reference from a faculty member, or member of the community group/charitable organization where the candidate demonstrates his/her contribution to the community. Letters should be mailed **directly** to: *(We will not accept reference letters that are emailed)*

Rockland Community Foundation
Viking Spirit Memorial 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: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Clarkstown High School South Graduation date: _____

College attending (if already known): _____

Planned area of study and career goals:

Extracurricular and community service activities:

The Viking Spirit Memorial 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 involvement in community service has impacted the lives of others.

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 Viking Spirit Memorial 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: _____