

## ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS

Starting in December of 2020, the Rush County Community Foundation Scholarship Application is an on-line application and paper application will NOT be accepted. In order to make the application process quicker and easier, it is recommended that you do some preparation in a Word document, Google doc, etc.

Below are the sections and information that will be required to complete the online application. It will benefit you to create a document that contains each of the sections, one through twelve, and have them saved. Make each section look the way you will want it to in your actual application. You can then easily copy and paste them into the online application in the required field. They are the same questions that have been used in the past, so if you are a current college student you probably already have them saved.

Include "**Section 1: Academic Honors**" at the beginning of your answer.

Please list in bullet point form all academic honors you have received during high school. Include the name of the award or honor, a brief description, and your grade level when you received it. Honors and awards are not extracurricular activities. Examples of honors and awards include: Varsity Scholars, presidential awards, honor roll, National Honors Society, perfect attendance, Rotary Top-Ten, etc.

This is your opportunity to tell your story. Details are important. Be as thorough as possible; the committee wants to know about all the wonderful things you do and will only know if you include it!

Include "**Section 2: Demonstrated Leadership**" at the beginning of your answer.

Leadership can be in academics, athletics, the arts, community activities, your job, etc. Please list in bullet point form all leadership positions you have held during high school. Include the position name, the name of the group, a brief description of your responsibilities in this position, and when you held this position.

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Include "**Section 3: Extra-Curricular School Activities, High School**" at the beginning of your answer.

Please list in bullet point form all extra-curricular school activities you have participated in during high school. Include the name of the group or activity, your grade level(s) when you participated, a brief description of your involvement and the time commitment. (If you have already mentioned an activity in the demonstrated leadership section, please list the activity again in this section.)

Include "**Section 4: Community Activities, High School**" at the beginning of your answer

Community activities include community service projects, scouts, church, 4-H, etc. Please list in bullet point form all community activities you have participated in during high school. Include the name of the group or activity, your grade level(s) when you participated, a brief description of your involvement and the time commitment. (If you have already mentioned an activity in the demonstrated leadership section, please list the activity again in this section.)

Include "**Section 5: Academic Honors, Post-High School**" at the beginning of your answer.

Please list in bullet point form all academic honors you have received during college/university/trade-school. Include the name of the award or honor, a brief description, and the year when you received it. Honors and awards are not extracurricular activities. Examples of honors and awards include: Dean's List, department/school awards, merit-based scholarships, etc.

IF YOU ARE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR or have nothing to report, please include this section but label it "not applicable."

Include "**Section 6: Demonstrated Leadership, Post-High School**" at the beginning of your answer.

Leadership can be in academics, athletics, the arts, community activities, your job, etc. Please list in bullet point form all leadership positions you have held after high school. Include the position name, the name of the group, a brief description of your responsibilities in this position, and when you held this position.

IF YOU ARE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR or have nothing to report, please include this section but label it "not applicable."

Include "**Section 7: Extra-Curricular School Activities, Post-High School**" at the beginning of your answer.

Please list in bullet point form all extra-curricular school activities you have participated in during college/university/trade-school. Include the name of the group or activity, the dates or academic year when you participated, a brief description of your involvement and the time commitment. (If you have already mentioned an activity in the demonstrated leadership section, please list the activity again in this section.)

IF YOU ARE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR or have nothing to report, please include this section but label it "not applicable."

Include "**Section 8: Community Activities, Post-High School**" at the beginning of your answer.

Please list in bullet point form all community activities you have participated in after high school. Include the name of the group or activity, the dates or year(s) you participated, a brief description of your involvement and the time commitment. (If you have already mentioned an activity in the demonstrated leadership section, please list the activity again in this section.)

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Include "**Section 9: Employment History**" at the beginning of your answer.

Please list your last 10 years of employment history. Be sure to include: • Company/name of employer • Date range of employment: start-date, end-date, and reason for leaving • Job title and brief description of duties • Approximate hours per week. Was this job full-time, part-time, a summer job, seasonal work, etc.?

If you have nothing to report, please include this section but label it "not applicable."

Include "**Section 10: Essay, Future Goals**" at the beginning of your answer.

Please answer the following questions in essay form: In which field do you hope to major and what are your future goals? Why have you chosen this major; who or what has influenced your decision? Your essay should demonstrate clarity, purpose, planning, and be descriptive. *300 words maximum.*

Include "**Section 11: Short Answer, Location and Vocation**" at the beginning of your answer.

Please answer the following question: When you have completed your program of study, where would you like to live and why? *150 words maximum.*

Include "**Section 12: Financial Need**" at the beginning of your answer.

Please explain any extenuating circumstances that you would like the committee to consider when evaluating your scholarship application and financial information. Extenuating circumstances may include loss of parent job, high family medical expenses, etc.

If you have nothing to report, please include this section but label it "not applicable."