



REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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To: Redwood Seniors

Many students rely on scholarships to afford higher education. The scholarship application process is an important one, as scholarships can make a difference in funding education.

The scholarship awards offered by the Redwood High School Foundation (RHSF) are heavily weighted for demonstrated financial need and hardship. FAFSA/CADAA guidelines on page 2 are important and should be considered before applying.

Purpose

The RHSF Scholarship Committee recognizes and awards students who are continuing their education after graduation from Redwood High School. All scholarships are used for tuition or school expenses at an accredited community college, trade school, 4-year college, or university.

Criteria

▪ Financial need (required and highest priority)	▪ Good moral character
▪ Good citizenship	▪ Academic achievement
▪ Perseverance and determination	▪ Criteria specific to the endowed awards

Awards - See award categories on page 7.

Scholarship awards are based on the availability of funds and through the application that meets the established criteria with particular emphasis on financial need. After reviewing applications, recommendations for awards are made by the RHSF Scholarship Committee, except in the case of the Chelini awardees who are selected by the RHS Counseling Department. The RHSF Scholarship Committee will mail award checks directly to individual student accounts at their respective Colleges and Universities in August, 2019. Funds are not mailed to students. Individual details will not be made public; only the names of the winners will be announced.

Applications must be completed by each student-applicant personally. The decisions of the RHSF Scholarship Committee are final. Any information you submit will be treated as confidential; however, if you are an award recipient, your name, the award name and the name of your university/college may be announced or printed. **DEADLINE for applications:**

Submit to College & Career Center, Room 111, no later than 4:00 p.m., **March 28, 2019.**

Financial Need Criteria: Completed FAFSA or CADAA (CA Dream Act Application) is required for consideration of financial need. Expected Family Contribution (EFC), as calculated through the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** or **CADAA**, which are available online. The following EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) limits are required and will be strictly adhered to: RHSF awards: maximum EFC \$20,000 Exception: *James Pierce Award: maximum EFC \$40,000

If your family's EFC is higher than the EFC limit, you may submit an application, but must include an explanation of extenuating circumstances that result in financial need. The RHSF Scholarship Committee will use discretion in considering applicants with an EFC above the required limit, but make no promise or guarantee of exceptions.

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE IN ORDER FOR AN APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Completed Application Form** (pages 3-5)
- Essays**
*Please type and attach your response to **both** essays below.*
 - ESSAY 1 – no more than 1 page.**
 - Financial need is the highest priority for award of these scholarships. Please explain how your financial situation warrants a scholarship.
 - ESSAY 2 – no more than 2 pages.**
 - Why are you deserving of this scholarship? Include a paragraph describing your best attributes that post-high-school education will further develop.
- Teacher Reference Checklist** (page 6). Provide in a sealed envelope with your name written on the back and the words "Teacher's Checklist" on the front.
- Letter of Recommendation** (page 7). Provide a letter of reference from an adult familiar with your character and different from your teacher reference in a sealed envelope with your name written on the back and the word "Recommendation" on the front.
- FAFSA or CADAA Student Aid Report (SAR) printed from FAFSA or CADAA website**
- High School Transcripts**
- Optional Confidential Letter on Finances** from a parent/guardian explaining the family's financial situation. Please attach in a sealed envelope with your name on the back and the word "Finances" on the front.

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LATE AND/OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.



THE RHSF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The selection committee uses this application to understand who you are, what you want to do after graduation, and why you are deserving of a RHSF Scholarship. Completeness, neatness, and legibility will ensure that your submission will be reviewed properly. **ALL INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED.** INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. IF ANY INFORMATION IS NOT APPLICABLE, INDICATE WITH N/A.

Please print in black ink.

NAME

PHONE (Home & Cell)

ADDRESS

CITY/ZIP

EMAIL ADDRESS

The information in this application is subject to verification. I understand and agree that if any statement is found to be false or misleading, my application can be disqualified.

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE WRITTEN THIS APPLICATION AND ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

REFERENCES

As part of your applicant, you must provide two references who can speak to your character.

- **REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER REFERENCE 1**
Give your teacher the TEACHER REFERENCE CHECKLIST to complete and return

TEACHER NAME

PHONE NUMBER

- **REFERENCE 2** (another teacher, an employer, member of the clergy, coach or another adult)
IMPORTANT: Members of your family or fellow students cannot serve as a reference.
Give this Reference the INSTRUCTIONS for a LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

NAME OF REFERENCE 2

PHONE NUMBER

STUDENT NAME: _____



FAMILY AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

NAME OF PARENT(S), STEP PARENTS OR GUARDIAN(S)

NAME

NAME

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE
Own Rent (Circle one)

STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE
Own Rent (Circle one)

PHONE

PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

EMAIL ADDRESS

Are any siblings attending college? Please list: _____

Financial aid received or already awarded from other sources:

\$ _____ (total awards/loans for all years) \$ _____ (total awards/loans for first year)

Please estimate how you will pay for your college education (percentage should total 100):

- _____ % Parents/Stepparent/Grandparents
- _____ % Your savings
- _____ % Financial aid (scholarships, grants)
- _____ % Loans
- _____ % Work/study
- _____ % Other (please specify: _____)
- 100 % TOTAL

SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION

SAT score _____ or ACT score _____

List the colleges or schools to which you have applied and place a check mark in the boxes next to those schools to which you have been accepted.

- _____ _____
- _____ _____
- _____ _____

What school will you attend? _____

What is your intended field of study? _____



STUDENT NAME _____

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

List major school activities (including sports, leadership, drama, art, clubs, etc.) in which you have participated. Indicate when you participated.

Grade Level (check all that apply)

Activity or Organization	9	10	11	12	Positions Held

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

List major community activities and community services in which you have been actively involved and note any major accomplishments in each. Indicate when you participated.

Grade Level (check all that apply)

Activity or Organization	9	10	11	12	Dates Involved		Approx. hrs/month
					From	To	

WORK EXPERIENCE

List your work experience. Indicate when you worked in the position.

Grade Level (check all that apply)

Organization/Position Held	9	10	11	12	Dates Worked		Approx. hrs/month
					From	To	

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

List awards you have received both in and out of school

Grade Level (check all that apply)

Name of Recognition or Award- Organization	9	10	11	12	Reason for Recognition or Award



REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP TEACHER REFERENCE CHECKLIST

Teacher Instructions

The applicant is required to submit this reference from a **Redwood High School teacher** who is familiar with her/his character. Please place the completed checklist in a sealed envelope with the student's name written clearly on the back and the words "Teacher Reference" on the front. The completed list should be returned to the applicant so that she/he can submit all the required documents together.

Student's Name

Ratings

Compared to other students in his or her class, how do you rate this student in the following areas:

No Basis	Area	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Well Above Average	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intellectual promise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Respect accorded by faculty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Disciplined work habits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Concern for others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Self-confidence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Perseverance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Do you have any reason to doubt this student's academic integrity? ____ If yes, please explain:

We welcome any additional comments you think might be helpful to us. In particular, if you have knowledge of financial need, please comment.

Teacher's Name (please print)

Teacher's Signature

Date



REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Instructions

The applicant is required to submit a reference in the form of a Letter of Recommendation from an adult who is familiar with her or his character. Please place the completed letter in a sealed envelope with the student's name written clearly on the envelope and the words "Letter of Recommendation" on the front. The sealed envelope with the letter of recommendation should be returned to the applicant so that she/he can submit all the required documents together in one package.

In your typed letter, please cite specific examples that demonstrate the criteria listed below and add any other items that may be of interest to the scholarship committee.

- What makes this student most deserving of this scholarship?
- Please address qualities the student demonstrates in meeting the following criteria: financial need, good citizenship, perseverance and determination, good moral character, and academic achievement.

About the Redwood High School Foundation Scholarship

Award decisions are made without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability status or gender. After reviewing the applicant's submittals, recommendations for awards are made by the RHSF Scholarship Committee and approved by the RHSF Board. Only the names of winners will be announced.

Applicant's personal information is kept confidential. In addition to general awards that typically range from \$500 to \$1,000.00, specialized awards and awards from Community Partners may be granted individually or in conjunction with general awards. RHS Specialized awards include:

- Redwood High School Awards (~30 Awards/Average \$1,000)
Recognizing students who excel despite economic hardship
- The James Pierce Scholarship for Academic Excellence (1 award /up to \$5,000)
Recognizing students who demonstrate intellectual acumen and promise
- The RHS Alumni Scholarship (based on funds raised; 1-2 awards/ to \$2,500)
Recognizing students who demonstrate leadership, intellectual acumen and community spirit
- The Chelini Award (based on funds raised; 3-6 awards/up to \$500)
Recognizing students who have overcome significant obstacles and demonstrated character or leadership
- The Alumni Class of 1967 (1 award / up to 3,000)
Recognizing students who are actively trying to improve society, involved in the community with a desire to pursue a future of equality, protection of the environment and human rights.

All awards are made possible through generous donations to the Redwood High School Foundation from our alumni and the family and friends of our students, faculty and staff.