

Coon Rapids Youth First Scholarship Program

Purpose: The purpose is to provide scholarships to youth in grades 4 to 12 to pursue a special interest, gain or improve a skill or participate in an enriching experience..

Scholarship Amount: Up to \$250

Ideal Applicant: Someone who has an idea or passion for trying something new and who ordinarily would not apply for awards.

Scholarship Requirements:

1. Scholarships can be used in any field of endeavor *except athletics* but must be consistent with the purpose of this scholarship program and the mission of Coon Rapids Youth First.
2. The individual must be a resident of Coon Rapids and in grade 4-12.
3. Have an adult mentor supervise the experience including completion of the scholarship application.
4. Have parent/guardian permission.
5. Reimbursement will be by check to the organization, agency, or institution sponsoring the activity the individual is attending after appropriate documentation has been submitted by the individual and the adult mentor verifying participation.
6. The student must submit a brief report describing the activity to receive reimbursement and we strongly encourage submitting pictures of the activity if possible.
7. Priority will be given to new applicants who are collaborating and combining their effort with other participants. More attention will be given to a scholarship application that serves or impacts the greatest number of youth, although that will not be the main criterion used to determine approval of the scholarship.
8. Scholarships will not be awarded to individuals in consecutive years and no more than twice within a five-year period.

Approval Guidelines: The Scholarship and Grant Committee will use the following guidelines in approving applications:

1. Financial need
2. Amount requested
3. Need for more information
4. Approval but amount requested reduced

Scholarship Process:

1. Complete the attached application
2. Type or write neatly the application
3. Submit applications to the address at the bottom of the application form

Note: Priority will be given to youth who do not ordinarily apply for awards, who do not ordinarily receive scholarships for outstanding achievements, and who have an idea and passion to try something new.

Application

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ MN Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Name of School Attending: _____

Activity attending (name): _____

Activity attending (address): _____

City: _____ MN Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Mentor Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ MN Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email address: _____

Mentor Signature: _____

Please answer the following:

1. Briefly describe the activity for which you are requesting the scholarship (Provide any additional material about the activity if available, example-flyer, brochure, etc.).
2. Why do you want this scholarship?
3. What is the specific amount you are requesting and how will you specifically use the funds?
4. What do you hope to accomplish with the scholarship and activity it supports?
5. When will you complete this activity?
6. Do you have or will you seek other sources of funding? If yes, from whom?

Please mail to: Coon Rapids Youth First
City of Coon Rapids
11155 Robinson Drive
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Questions: Call 763-767-6565 (ex. 278) email: coon-rapidsyouthfirst@comcast.net

General Statement of Scholarship Program: The purpose of this program is to provide equal opportunity for all applicants and does not lawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, disability or economic status.

Coon Rapids Youth First Scholarship Program – Reimbursement Form

Reimbursement will be issued by check to the organization, agency, or institution sponsoring the activity the individual is attending *after* participation and appropriate documentation has been submitted by the individual and the adult mentor verifying participation.

Reimbursement Process:

1. Complete the following information below.
2. Include a report summarizing the activity; include photos if available.
3. Include a copy of participation certificate.
4. Mail or email to the address below.

Student Name: _____ Activity: _____

Organization: _____

Contact/Mentor Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Date(s) of activity: _____ Scholarship amount: _____

Submit a report summarizing the activity which the individual participated:

Mentor Signature: _____

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