

Introduced by Mayor Celina Benitez

Mount Rainier Youth Scholarship Award 2024-2025

We are pleased to announce the **second round for 2024-2025 school year Mount Rainier Youth Scholarship Award**. The Mount Rainier City Council has established The Mount Rainier Youth Scholarship for Mount Rainier graduating seniors or continuing college students who best personify a commitment to Higher Education. For this round, the Mount Rainier City Council will award seven (7) \$3,000.00 scholarships to students currently enrolled in post-secondary institutions including technical or vocational schools.

TIMELINE:

DATE	ITEM
October 21-25, 2024	Send information to the selected schools, post on City website and share on social media
November 15, 2024	All application packets – including a 500-word essay that meet established criteria are due by 5:00 pm to City Clerk, Mount Rainier City Hall, 3503 Perry Street, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712, or via email: cityclerk@mountrainiermd.org
November 18 – December 6, 2024	Review application packets – including 500-word essay – and determine the selection of the top candidates. The Scholarship review committee will interview finalists and make final selections.
No later than December 11, 2024	Finalists, parents, and guardians are notified.
December 17, 2024	Finalists, parents, and guardians are invited to attend the Mayor and City Council Work Session to receive the scholarship award.

The Mayor and Councilmembers will each appoint one member to represent them on the selection committee.

Please direct any questions to City Clerk cityclerk@mountrainiermd.org or Mayor Celina Benitez MayorBenitez@mountrainiermd.org

The Mayor and City Councilmembers, City employees and members of Mount Rainier Youth Scholarship Selection Board, and their family members are not eligible for a scholarship. Family members include spouses, domestic partners, parents, grandparents, in-laws, children, wards, siblings, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins of any degree, nieces, and nephews.

Mount Rainier Youth Scholarship Award Application

WHAT IS THE Mount Rainier Youth Scholarship?

The Mount Rainier Youth Scholarship, now in its 6th year, was established in 2018 when Mayor Benitez was serving as a Council Member. The program has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarship funds.

The scholarships must be used for educational-related expenses in coordination with your educational institution including technical and vocational programming.

To be considered for the Mount Rainier Youth Scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

1. **Must be a resident of Mount Rainier for at least one year.**
2. **Have a 2.5 GPA**
3. **Must be enrolled in a post-secondary, technical or vocational institution for higher learning in the United States.**
4. **Complete application & requirements must be submitted prior to the deadline.**

HOW TO APPLY?

1. **Complete and file the application before the deadline: Friday, November 15, 2024, by 5:00 pm to City Clerk, Mount Rainier City Hall, 3503 Perry Street, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712 or email cityclerk@mountrainiermd.org**
2. **Must submit a copy of unofficial transcripts.**
3. **Provide two (2) letters of recommendation (sealed) (can be emailed to City Clerk).**
4. **Include up to 500-word essay.**

The City of Mount Rainier is a cultural mosaic that celebrates diversity and its artistic community.

- How can the City of Mount Rainier and its community further highlight and expand its rich cultural identity?
- What strengths and positive impacts can the arts bring to enhance the City's local identity and cultural diversity?

5. **Be available to meet with the selection committee when requested.**

HOW ARE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

Scholarship recipients will be determined by the members of the selection board.

Selections will be made without regard to race; color; religion; creed; gender; national origin; age; disability; marital or veteran status; or any other legally protected status.

Selection is based on a combination of determining factors, not solely on GPA. Selection is made on the basis of academic achievement; community involvement; extracurricular activities; and a personal interview.

Please type or print legibly and use black or blue ink. Please use additional sheets if necessary.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Cell Phone	E-Mail	

How long have you been a resident of the City of Mount Rainier?	
Years	Months

FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Occupation	Title	
Employer		

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

	School Name	Address	Dates Attended / GPA
Elementary School(s)			
Middle School(s)			
High School(s)			
Name of the college, university, or institution that you currently attend or plan to attend in the US.			

If you have applied to an institution of higher education, have you received a letter of acceptance or a letter specifying that you have been placed on a waiting list. If yes, please specify. (Please Attach)

Briefly discuss your plans or goals after you graduate.

VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please describe your volunteer activities in Mount Rainier.

Please describe your other volunteer activities.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS

List any extracurricular activities that you participate in at school.

Name of Club or Organization	Offices Held	Honors Received

Briefly describe any outstanding academic achievements.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employer		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Position Held		
Dates of Employment		Hours Per Week

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Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Position Held		
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please list all of the scholarships for which you have applied:	
Name of Scholarship	Dollar amount awarded (if applicable)

Are you eligible for any other educational benefits?	
	Dollar amount awarded (if applicable)
Social Security	
G.I. Bill	
Other:	

(Please use additional sheets if necessary)

Integrity of Application Statement

I attest that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

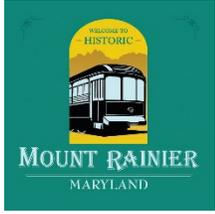
The completed application and related documents must be submitted to City Hall by 5:00 pm on Friday, November 15, 2024. Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

Evaluation

The evaluation process will consist of a review of all submitted application materials by the Scholarship Review Committee. Finalists may be interviewed by the Scholarship Review Committee, by December 6, 2024 - Finalists, parents, and school administrators notified.

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Mount Rainier Youth Scholarship Award Application Checklist

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Have a 2.5 GPA	
Must be a resident of Mount Rainier for at least one year.	
Must be enrolled in a post-secondary institution of higher learning or technical, vocational school.	
Complete Application	
Submit unofficial copy of school transcripts	
Submit 2 letters of recommendation (sealed) Can be emailed to City Clerk	
Include up to 500-word essay:	
Available to meet with the selection committee when requested (November 18 – December 6, 2024)	
Turn in the complete package before deadline: Friday, November 15, 2024, by 5:00pm	

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