

**Introduced by
Councilmember Celina Benitez**

Mount Rainier Youth Scholarship Award:

We are pleased to announce for the 2019-2020 school year Annual 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. The Mount Rainier City Council will award seven (7) \$1,000.00 scholarships to graduating seniors or current college students who will continue their education at a post-secondary institution including technical or vocational schools.

TIMELINE:

DATE	ITEM
December 4, 2019	Send information to the selected schools, post on City website and share on social media
May 15, 2020	All application packets – including 500 word essay that meet established criteria are due by 5:00 pm to City Clerk, Mount Rainier City Hall, 1 Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712
May 16 - 28, 2020	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.
May 29, 2020	Finalist, parents and guardians are notified.
June 2, 2020	Finalists, parents and guardians are invited to attend the Mayor and City Council Legislative 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 Councilmember Celina Benitez cbenitez@mountrainiermd.org

The Mayor and City Councilmembers, City employees and members 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 was established in 2018 by Councilmember Celina Benitez and funding approved by City Council.

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 entering or 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, May 25, 2020 by 5:00pm to City Clerk, Mount Rainier City Hall, 1 Municipal Place, Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712
2. Must submit copy of unofficial transcripts
3. Provide two (2) letters of recommendation (sealed)
4. Include up to 500 word essay (Pick One)

A. How has living in Mount Rainier and being part of this community inspired you as you go out to the world to further your education.

B. If you were Mayor or Councilmember of Mount Rainier, what programs would you like to expand or create and why? How will this impact the community in a positive way?

C. If you could have brunch with any historical figure (living or deceased) who would you choose and why? What do you plan to learn from that individual?

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.

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		
Dates of Employment		Hours Per Week

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: _____

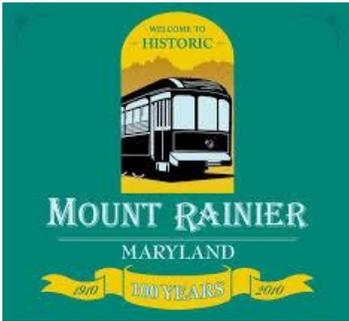
The completed application and related documents must be submitted to City Hall by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 15, 2020. Incomplete applications and applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

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 May 29, 2020 - Finalists, parents, and school administrators notified.

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Application Checklist

Mount Rainier Youth Scholarship Award Checklist	Complete
Have a 2.5 GPA	
Must be a resident of Mount Rainier for at least one year.	
Must be entering 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)	
Include up to 500 word essay:	
Available to meet with the selection committee when requested (May 16–May 28)	
Turn in the complete package before deadline: Friday, May 15, 2020 by 5:00pm	

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