



KIWANIS CLUB OF RIVER FOREST / OAK PARK

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Purpose:** The Kiwanis Club of River Forest - Oak Park believes in the power of our youth in building stronger communities through service, caring, action and leadership. Our annual scholarship aims to reward and support High School Seniors who have demonstrated a commitment to community service and who show promise in bringing that commitment to college and beyond, integrating it into their lives starting with the college degree program of their choice. Our highest award, the Kevin James McCole Kiwanis Scholarship honors a member of our club whose service started in Kiwanis as a teenager and continues in all facets of his life.
- Eligibility:** Residents of River Forest and Oak Park that are currently in their senior year of high school are eligible.
- Selection:** Excellent applications will demonstrate a student's commitment to community service, proven success in academics, active participation and/or leadership in extracurricular activities, and strong recommendations from adults who know the applicant well. The Kiwanis Club of River Forest / Oak Park's Scholarship Committee will review the applications and make their recommendation to their Board of Directors. The club's scholarships are awarded with the goal of fostering community leaders, based on a demonstrated history of service to others. **Thirty (30%)** percent of the weighting is on community service, **twenty (20%)** is on the personal statement, **twenty (20%)** percent on the letters of recommendation, **fifteen (15%)** percent on extracurricular activities and **fifteen (15%)** percent is on scholastic achievements. Transcripts are not required for the application but may be requested prior to an award.
- Award:** A scholarship amount typically ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 and this year the highest honor, the Kevin James McCole Kiwanis Scholarship, is potentially \$2,000. The recipient(s) agree (s) to attend in person, or via Zoom, a regularly scheduled Kiwanis Club meeting to accept their award and give a brief talk reflecting on what they learned from their community service experience and how it will affect their plans for the future.
- Submittal:** Completed application forms and all attachments (short answers, personal statement, personal references, and your unofficial transcript) must be received by email to the following on or before **February 15, 2023** to RFOP.Kiwanis.Scholarship@gmail.com. ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE IN PDF or WORD FORMAT.

