



2023-2024 Trail Blazer Scholarship Program

The Rockford Trail Blazer Scholarship is a community scholarship program that will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a high school senior in the city of Rockford area.

NO ESSAY REQUIRED! In lieu of an essay, candidates will be asked to conceptualize and execute a project or idea that will improve their environment/community. The award will be presented to the applicant who designs a project that will have the greatest positive impact within the Rockford area. For example, the applicant may have designed a recycling program that is run through his or her high school or started a big brother/big sister program within his or her high school sports team.

Submissions can be projects that the applicant has previously created for another cause, but execution of a NEW project is strongly preferred.

Prospective recipients will also be asked to explain their project/idea and the expected results during an interview process.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

- Seeking graduating seniors with participation in extracurricular school activities and volunteerism within the community.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.5.
- The applicant must attend a four-year college/university in Fall 2024. * Partial scholarship funds (\$500 each) will be distributed *beginning of Fall and Spring Semester* directly to the college/university.
- Applicants must have the endorsement of their Guidance Counselor on the application attesting they are a qualified fit for this scholarship program.
- Submission deadline is **April 15, 2024**. All projects are to be completed prior to submission of this application. Applicants are asked to submit a completed application to the counseling office. Counselors are then asked to submit all applications by email to Nitin Prashar at trailblazerscholarship@gmail.com no later than submission deadline. All questions can be directed to trailblazerscholarship@gmail.com. Your creativity is greatly encouraged. Best of luck!

The applications will be reviewed, and a recipient will be selected after being interviewed by a scholarship committee. Interviews will take place virtually at a time to be determined after initial screening of applications.



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1.	First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
3.	Telephone Number: () _____ Email Address: _____
4.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Verification (Counselor's Signature) _____
5.	If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list school name: If not, list your top 3 prospective colleges: 1. 2. 3.

6.

List all extracurricular school activities and volunteer activities within the community:

7.

Description of Project/Idea and Expected Results: