



Ruckus House Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Criteria

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Title of Scholarship: Ruckus House Education Scholarship

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to North Carolina residents who plan to attend college to pursue a career in early childhood, elementary, or special education.

Area, Field, or Subject: Early childhood education, elementary, or special education

Who is Eligible: High school seniors; community college students studying education; or public college/university students studying education.

Level of Education for Which Award is Granted: Undergraduate.

Funds Available: Up to \$5,000 stipend will be awarded to each recipient. Money will be sent directly to the school which the winner will be or is attending (50% each fall and spring semester).

Duration: One year with option to renew.

Eligibility: In addition to completing the application, all applicants must provide an essay of 800 words or less that includes a brief biological sketch; reason(s) why the applicant wants to teach; why they believe they deserve the scholarship; and future plans. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 GPA and provide one official transcript from high school and college or university attended. Two letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, or administrators must also be provided. Before receiving any funding, the recipient must be accepted and enrolled in a public North Carolina college or university. Upon receiving a stipend, a student must complete an acceptance agreement.

Renewal Eligibility: Students must maintain a 3.25 GPA and provide one official transcript to the Foundation after each academic semester. Students will be given the opportunity and encouraged to volunteer or work at a Ruckus House Learning Center during the summer and/or school year.

Deadline for Receipt: March 1st of each year.

Scholarships Awarded: May 1st of each year.



Scholarship Application

I. Personal Information

Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____
Phone Number: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

Educational Status (circle one): a. I plan to graduate high school in the spring
b. I am currently enrolled at a NC community college
c. I am currently enrolled at a public NC college or university

School in which you are currently enrolled: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

List any NC colleges or universities to which you have been accepted:

Combined Annual Household Income of Parents (circle one): a. Below \$20,000
b. \$20,000-\$40,000
c. \$41,000-\$60,000
d. \$61,000-\$80,000
e. More than \$80,000

II. Academic Achievements

Current Grade Point Average: _____ Class Rank (if in high school): _____

In the space provided, please list any academic awards or honors that you have received in the last two years.

Year	Award/Honor	Brief Description

III. Extracurricular Activities/Honors

In the space provided below, please provide a list of extracurricular activities along with non-academic honors/awards that you have received in the last two years.

Year	Activity/Honor	Brief Description

IV. Volunteer and Work Experience

In the space provided below, please provide us with your volunteer experience and work experience in the last two years.

Year	Job Title/ Volunteer Organization	Brief Description of Duties

V. Essay

Please attach a typed essay (maximum of 800 words) that includes the following information:

- A brief biological sketch.
- Reason(s) why you want to become a teacher.
- Why you need and/or deserve this scholarship.
- Your future plans in the field of education.
- Your views on the importance of education for our youth.
- How you make your mark on the field of education.

VI. Other Requirements

In addition to completing the above application and attaching your essay, please provide up to two letters of recommendation from teachers, administrators, or employers. Do not provide letters from family members or friends. You must also request that a transcript be sent to us at the address listed at the bottom of the page.

VII. Checklist

- Completed application
- Typed essay (maximum of 800 words)
- Up to two letters of recommendation
- Current FAFSA paperwork
- Official transcript from your school(s)
- Signed Acknowledgement of Commitment to Service

Please secure the first four items to the address listed below. Have transcripts sent directly to yourself and then mail them to us in the sealed envelopes, or have your school mail them directly to us at:

Ruckus House Learning Center
Attention: Scholarship Foundation
9450 Moss Plantation Drive. NW
Suite 101
Concord, NC 28027
(704) 786-3030
www.ruckushouse.com
www.ruckusfoundation.org
Email: mtracy@ruckushouse.com



Acknowledgement of Commitment to Service

I, _____, in connection with my application for a scholarship from the Ruckus House Scholarship Foundation, Inc., acknowledge that the scholarship granted by the Ruckus House Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is to the individuals demonstrating a commitment to teach early childhood, elementary, or special education. I understand that the scholarships granted by the Ruckus House Scholarship Foundation, Inc. are intended to finance the costs of higher education for those students pursuing a career in education. Further, one of the requirements of the scholarship is that the recipient commits to work in the field of education for five (5) years after graduation.

By my submission of the attached application for a scholarship from the Ruckus House Scholarship Foundation, Inc., I agree to work in the field of education for 5 years after graduation if I am awarded a scholarship. I further acknowledge and agree that if I do not satisfy this work commitment, I will be required to reimburse the Ruckus House Scholarship Foundation, Inc. for the full cost of the scholarship I receive (without the imposition of interest), the terms of such re-payment to be determined at a later date.

Acknowledged and agreed to, this ____ day of _____, 20____.

(Signature of Applicant)

If applicant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must acknowledge this agreement.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)