

## Development Association of Rock Island

### Scholarship Application - March 2024

The Development Association of Rock Island (DARI) is offering a scholarship to a Rock Island high school senior as a part of our community marketing campaign - ***Why Rock Island***. Participants are asked to use their imagination to create a video or other visual that tells the story ***Why Rock Island*** is a great place to live, work and play. DARI will use the stories to help market Rock Island.

#### **DARI SCHOLARSHIP RULES:**

Applicant must be attending a Rock Island high school and reside in Rock Island, Illinois.

The DARI Scholarship Application Form must be completed for consideration. All answers must be typed.

A Visual essay is required that describes ***Why Rock Island*** is a wonderful place to live, work and play. You will need to create a video (5 minutes or less) or a Photo visual. A link to your visual documentation must be included in your application (for example a link to a YouTube video, Google Doc, TikTok, PowerPoint, etc.)

The completed application form and required documentation are to be **submitted via email by May 15, 2024.**

Application Documentation will include the following:

- Completed typed Application Form.
- Written Essay.
- Visual Essay – A link to your visual documentation.
- Letter of Reference (which will be emailed separately to DARI).
- Permission for the Release of Video/Visual Materials.

A panel representing the Development Association of Rock Island Executive Board of Directors will review the scholarship applications and select the final winners.

There will be one winner selected for a \$5,000 scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year. Awards are for one year and will be paid directly to the college/university of enrollment upon receipt of verification of enrollment. The DARI board reserves the right to modify or alter the amount of awards.

Scholarship winners will be asked to submit a photo of themselves to be featured in a media release, social media and other promotional materials.

Winners will be announced in **June 2024.**

Development Association of Rock Island (DARI)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

**1. STUDENT APPLICANT PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Applicant's Name

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
MM/DD/YYYY

Personal Email \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address Line 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal/Zip Code

**2. HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Which High School are you graduating from?

\_\_\_\_\_ Rock Island High School

\_\_\_\_\_ Alleman High School

\_\_\_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

Gender

Male \_\_\_\_\_

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**3. HOME AND FAMILY INFORMATION**

**Father** \_\_\_\_\_ check here if father's address is same as applicants

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address Line 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal/Zip Code

Father's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother** \_\_\_\_\_ check here if mother's address is same as applicants

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address Line 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal/Zip Code

Mother's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**If neither parent – who is primary/guardian?**

**Primary/Guardian**

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address Line 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal/Zip Code

Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**4. YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS**

Current Cumulative GPA (out of 4.0) \_\_\_\_\_

ACT or SAT Score (circle) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any College courses you have taken to date if any

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Provide a list of all financial awards (scholarships or grants) you have already received.

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Identify scholarships or other financial assistance for which you have or will apply.

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Provide a list of extracurricular school activities you have engaged in during your high school years; include dates of involvement.

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Provide a list of other volunteering and community activities not related to school you have engaged in during your high school years; include dates of involvement.

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Provide an example of an experience where you displayed leadership skills.

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Are you presently holding a job? If yes, list your current place of employment and former places of employment; include dates of employment and average hours of work per week.

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**5. COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY PLANS**

What college or university do you plan to enroll? \_\_\_\_\_

First Choice College/University

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Name, include City and State

Second Choice College/University

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, include City and State

Third Choice College/University

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name, include City and State

College Major intention (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**6. WRITTEN ESSAY**

In 250 words or less describe why you believe Rock Island has been a wonderful place to grow up and live. Include why you would recommend someone to live, work and do business in Rock Island. (**Attach a separate typed one page -double spaced paper for your written essay**)

**7. VISUAL ESSAY - Include the link to your video or visual telling your story of *Why Rock Island*.**

**8. LETTERS of REFERENCE**

What is the name of the person who will be providing your letter of reference?

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Please have them send their letter of reference via email to:

***smcintosh@rockislandforward.com***

**9. CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT**

By checking these boxes, you are certifying the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ You have discussed this application with a parent or guardian and high school guidance counselor or official.

\_\_\_\_\_ Give Permission to use your photo in a media release, promotional and marketing materials.

\_\_\_\_\_ Give permission to DARI officials to contact high school guidance counselor or officials to verify school enrollment.

\_\_\_\_\_ Give permission to use your video or other visual documents by DARI officials for Rock Island marketing purposes including but not limited to media releases, quotes, news articles, media interviews, social media and other marketing materials.

I certify that the answers to the preceding questions are true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Application Signature

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**10. CONFIRMATION OF SUBMISSION**

You will receive a confirmation email after submitting this application. If you do not receive a confirmation email, your application did not submit correctly. Please check settings and reach out to Stacey McIntosh, DARI Program Director, [smcintosh@rockislandforward.com](mailto:smcintosh@rockislandforward.com) or phone (563)321-7550.

**Application Deadline is May 15, 2024 no later than 11:59 p.m.**