



2019-20 Presidential Scholarship for Academic Achievement

Eligible recipients must be current seniors in high school who will graduate in 2019 and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the time of application. Reading Area Community College (RACC) will award up to one scholarship per high school, including all 18 Berks County public high schools, I-Lead Charter School, and Berks Catholic High School. One scholarship will also be awarded to one homeschool, cyberschool, or other Berks County student who will complete high school in the spring of 2019. Additionally, two scholarships will be awarded to students participating in a JROTC Program at a Berks County high school. Scholarship awardees must commit to attending RACC as full-time students beginning in the fall immediately following graduation from high school. The Presidential Scholarship will pay any tuition amount not covered by a state or federal grant for four semesters (not counting summer semesters) at Reading Area Community College. Note: state and federal grants are need-based awards that students do not need to repay. The student is responsible for covering all fees and class materials (books, art supplies, etc.). Scholarship recipients must be enrolled full-time, maintain satisfactory academic progress, and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 to remain eligible for this award.

Applicants must file the 2019-20 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov to be considered for this scholarship. Remember to list RACC (school code 010388) as a school of choice. Please do not proceed with this application until the FAFSA has been completed.

DATE YOU FILED YOUR FAFSA: _____

Please provide the following information.

First and Last Name: _____ High School: _____
(Please print.)

Street Address: _____ Phone: () _____ - _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Email address: _____ Date of application: _____

List any school, community, work, or volunteer activities you are involved in: _____

Intended Program of Study at RACC: _____

What are your career goals and why? _____

Do you intend to enroll at RACC as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credits per semester/typically 4 classes)?
Yes _____ No _____

Scholarship Application Checklist

1. Completed FAFSA (go to www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Include the following items in your application packet:

2. Completed and signed application
3. Write and attach an essay that describes your future career plans and educational goals.
Elaborate on your personal qualities and educational experiences and explain how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals. The essay should be no more than 2-pages, typed, and single spaced.
4. Obtain a copy of your **current high school transcript** and include this with your completed application packet. If you attend a Berks County High School, we will reach out to your school to obtain a transcript on your behalf. If you would like us to do so, please complete the information below.
- _____ Check and initial here if you give permission for RACC to request your official transcript.
5. Complete and deliver application packet via mail or in-person to the address listed below. Applications must be received or post-marked by **Friday, April 12, 2019**. Completed applications, essays, and current high school transcripts must be submitted as a part of one application packet and received by the deadline. No applications will be accepted after that date.
6. If applying for the JROTC scholarship, also submit a Letter of Recommendation from your JROTC Program's Chief Instructor.

RACC Presidential Scholarship Application
c/o Kathy Cunningham
Director of Admissions & Enrollment Services
Berks Hall (Room 119)
10 South 2nd Street
Reading, PA 19603

Scholarship awardees will be notified by Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

By signing below, I confirm that the information on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I give permission to anyone involved in the selection of this scholarship (all college staff, faculty, administrators, trustees, board members, committee members, and commissioners) to access my personal information (including directory information, any information on the FAFSA, and transcripts).

Signature of Applicant

Date

(if under 18, Signature of Parent/Guardian)

Date

(This form may be duplicated as needed)