

The Town of Southwest Ranches College Scholarship Application Form

Qualifications and Requirements

Purpose: The Schools and Education Advisory Board of Southwest Ranches was created by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches for the purpose of advising and updating the Town Council on any school or educational issues. The board's main goal is to help young qualified residents who wish to improve their lives by continuing their education beyond high school. As a means towards that goal, the Schools and Education Advisory Board has established a scholarship fund to assist students who reside in the Town. The primary source of funding for the annual scholarship is monies from generous and caring sponsors, as well as fundraisers organized by the Schools and Education Advisory Board.

Qualifications: In order to qualify for the college scholarship, students need to be U.S. citizens under the age of twenty-five years old, and have been a resident of the Town of Southwest Ranches for the last two years. Residence is determined by the following two things: photo identification that lists the home address and a current utility bill. The application consists of questions regarding participation in school and non-school activities, and an essay of 250-300 words focusing on one feature of Southwest Ranches that has had an impact on their life.

Also, 40 volunteer service hours that benefit the Town and the community for that year are required. Students are encouraged to volunteer at non-profit organizations, or 501(c)(3)s that serve our community and support Town values. All volunteer hours may not be earned the week before the deadline, but should be earned over the entire year. Log sheets must be properly documented and attached to the college scholarship application.

In addition, a minimum of two letters of recommendation: one from a faculty member and one from a community member or employer is needed. A wallet-sized photo may be submitted if the applicant agrees to any publicity and promotion by the Town of Southwest Ranches and the Schools and Education Advisory Board, as they see fit, this may include but is not limited to features in local publications, photographs of recipients receiving the award, and articles about each recipient.

Scholarship Award Certificate: Scholarship recipients will be presented with an award certificate from the SEAB President at the 1st meeting in June at 7 p.m. All scholarship qualifiers are encouraged to attend.

Reimbursement of Monies: Scholarship monies will be reimbursed once enrollment has been confirmed in a post-secondary, Vocational/Technical Institution, or Community/Junior College for the current year and education-related expenses receipts up to the amount of the scholarship for school expenses such as tuition, student housing, food plan, books/schools supplies, student activity, parking, and lab fees. A copy of the credit card used to pay for the receipts with the name of the cardholder and the numbers blackened out except the last four digits is required in order to receive the check.

Important Dates: New scholarship applications are available at the Front Desk and/or on the Town's Scholarship webpage in the month of January. The deadline to turn in the applications is usually the first week in May. The Schools and Education Advisory Board meet to review the applications at the end of May. Applicants are notified by mail if they are eligible for the scholarship and are invited to attend the 1st Town Council meeting in June.

