

**RENSELAER COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
2020 SCHOLARSHIP**

RCRTA is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for its **13th annual Future Teacher Scholarship** award in the amount of **\$1000.00**.

We are seeking students intending to pursue a major in education while at college. They should be intelligent, caring, and dedicated to teaching children of all ages. Because the members of our retiree group come from any one of our ten high schools in Rensselaer County, students from any of those high schools are eligible.

**CRITERIA: The applicant must be in the top 50% of the graduating class. An official transcript is required with the application.**

**1. Three letters of recommendation are required;** One from a secondary content area teacher, one from a guidance counselor and the third may be anyone of the applicant's choosing. **We would prefer to have the letters be current and not a general letter what may have been sent with the student's college applications.**

**30%**

**2. Include a resume of extracurricular activities, employment, and community involvement.**

**30%**

**3. The candidate shall write an essay of 300-400 words, double spaced. The paper should explain why a career in education was chosen.**

**40%**

**\*\*\*\*\*DUE DATE: MAY 1, 2020\*\*\*\*\***

**Submit all application materials to the guidance office by the required date. The guidance office will snail mail the forms no later than May 1, 2020. Attach them in the following order: 1. Student application form 2. Essay 3. Letters of recommendation (3) 4. Resume 5. Sealed Transcript(This is required with application)**

**RENSELAER COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE CHOICES: First: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the teaching level you are concentrating in for your education major:

1. Primary 2. Middle School 3: High School (if HS, what subject?) \_\_\_\_\_

List other scholarships you have won, if any and the amount awarded.

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Have you applied for any other scholarships? Yes or No. If, yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT names of 3 people(NON-RELATIVES) who have agreed to recommend you for this \$500.00 Rensselaer County Retired Teachers' Association Scholarship.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Teacher

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Guidance Counselor

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Choice

**RENSSELAER COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
2020 SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT ESSAY**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE** an essay of **300-400 words, double space. Explain** to the committee about you as a person. **Describe** why you decided to pursue a career in education. What factors in your life contributed to your choice? **Explain** your choice of teaching level.

**You may attach your essay to this form, if you'd like.**

**RENSSELAER COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
2020 SCHOLARSHIP LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

**APPLICANT'S**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

This recommendation is for a senior student intending to major in education. The Rensselaer County retired teachers' scholarship is a single award of \$1000.00. It is being given to one of our seniors here in the county.

We are interested in your reflections of the candidate's aptitude and ability to relate to students of all ages while in the classroom. Include any information you believe will help us select an outstanding future educator. **We would really appreciate an original letter that is not a general recommendation.**

**You may attach your letter to this sheet.** Please sign and date it at the bottom of the page.

Thank you for being a sponsor for this applicant.

**NAME(PRINT)** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF  
COMPLETION** \_\_\_\_\_