



We invite you to apply for the Hartford Rib Off Scholarship

A \$2,500 scholarship (non-renewable) will be awarded to a graduating senior in good standing either from an accredited Hartford, CT High School or who resides in Hartford, CT, and who has shown commitment to their community through volunteer service.

This scholarship is expressly intended to alleviate expenses related to college living which are not covered by academic scholarships. Our aim is to reduce the burden of these expenses so that this student can concentrate on learning, not on worrying about paying for necessary items.

Mission Statement: The Hartford Rib Off, Inc. is committed to raising funds and supporting local charitable organizations through safe and enjoyable BBQ-themed events.



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Requirements and Prerequisites

- Must be a student in good standing either from an accredited High School in Hartford, CT, or residing in Hartford, CT, graduating in June of 2018.
- Must be accepted or enrolled at a 2 or 4 year college and plan to be enrolled full time in the fall semester of 2018
- *Immediate and extended family members of the Hartford Rib Off, Inc. Board of Directors or Advisory Board are not eligible to apply.*

Scholarship Considerations

- Commitment to the community through volunteer service – 50%
- Essay question response – 40%
- Letter of recommendation – 5%
- Academic achievement – 5%

Required Materials for Application

- Completed scholarship application (incomplete applications will not be considered)
- A student resume no more than 2 pages in length which includes your volunteer service (single sided)
- Official **sealed** high school transcript
- One letter of recommendation from a supervisor, leader or Executive Director for an organization or group that you volunteer for in a **sealed envelope**
- Copy of Letter of acceptance from college you plan to enroll in
- Write an essay (no more than 350 words) in response to the prompt question provided on the application
- Please do not submit any other materials other than those requested, they will not be considered in the evaluation process

Review and Evaluation Process

- All applications must be postmarked by **April 15, 2018**
- Applications will be evaluated by a committee
- Each committee member will score in the 4 categories and the administrator will tally and compile the scores
- The scholarship recipient will be notified in early June
- The winner will be invited to be our guest along with their parents or guardians at the 9th Annual Hartford Rib Off, on June 16, 2018, to be recognized as the scholarship recipient.



APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Applicant Mailing Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Applicant Checklist

- Applicant Information Page
- Student Resume Highlighting Your Community Service (no more than 2 pages in length)
- Academic Information Page
- 1 Letter of Recommendation from a Group Leader, Supervisor or Executive Director for a Group that you Volunteer for (must be sent in a sealed envelope)
- Essay (no more than 350 words) using the prompt provided on the Essay Page
- Signed Scholarship Privacy Statement
- Sealed Academic Transcript from High School
- Copy of Letter of acceptance from college you plan to enroll in

Certification Section

In submitting this application, I/we certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. If requested, I/we agree to submit proof of the information that is given on this form. I/we understand that falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted and that this application and attached materials become the property of The Hartford Rib Off, Inc. I/we consent to being contacted by the Hartford Rib Off, Inc. about any questions regarding this application and for notification purposes regarding a possible funding award.

I/we also give permission for The Hartford Rib Off, Inc. to contact my current school, volunteer organization contacts or recommendation providers regarding questions about information included with this application.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name _____

Relation to Applicant _____



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Instructions:

This section **must** be completed and **SIGNED** by an official of your school.

The GPA **must** be reported as its equivalent on a 4.0 scale and certified by the school official.

Cumulative High School grade point average: _____

School official's signature _____ Date: _____

School official's name & title _____

Phone _____ Email _____

High School _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Important: Enclose this academic profile with the application packet (do not put it in the sealed envelope with your transcript). Your official transcript, including most current grades from where you are currently attending high school must be submitted in a sealed envelope and then submitted along with the rest of the application packet.

College/Program Information

College you plan to attend during the 2018/2019 academic year (if you are undecided, please list your first two choices):

College _____ City and State _____

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION / ESSAY

Letter of Recommendation

Each applicant must submit 1 letter of recommendation from a group leader, supervisor or Executive Director of a group that you volunteer for. The letter **must be submitted in separate sealed envelope** along with all other application materials as per the instructions on the final page of the application packet.

Essay Question

Please write an essay of no more than 350 words in relation to the essay prompt provided below. Please do not send your general college application essay. **Your submission must reflect on the prompt below.**

(Please double space and use at least a 12 pt. font of your choice. If you cannot edit this PDF file, please type, print and submit the essay by attaching it to this page.)

How has your volunteer service affected you and your community?



PRIVACY STATEMENT AND APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Protecting Your Privacy

The Hartford Rib Off, Inc. maintains the highest level of confidentiality with respect to your scholarship application information.

All application materials will be shredded once the scholarship has been awarded.

The Hartford Rib Off, Inc. does not and will not sell, trade, or exchange your scholarship application information.

I have read, and agree with, the above Privacy information regarding submission of a Hartford Rib Off, Inc. scholarship application. I understand that my image and identity may be used in publicity and promotional materials only if I am chosen as the scholarship recipient.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under age 18)

_____ Date _____

A copy of this page must be signed and returned with your scholarship application.

Submit Your Application

- All materials must be postmarked by April 15, 2018
- Please mail all of your application materials in one packet
- Letter of Recommendation and Academic Transcript must be in separate sealed envelopes & must be included in with your application packet - separate mailings will not be considered
- Please use the checklist on the application information page to be sure that you have all of the required materials
- Do not submit any unrequested materials - they will not be considered

Mail your completed application by April 15, 2018 to:

**The Hartford Rib Off, Inc.
c/o Scholarship Fund
55 Girard Avenue
Hartford, CT 06105**

*For further information or if you have questions, please email us at
hartfordriboff@gmail.com*