



RBC WEALTH MANAGEMENT COLORADO SCHOLARSHIP

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2012 Application Packet for Science, Mathematics, & Engineering Scholarships

The RBC Wealth Management Colorado Scholarship Fund was founded in 2003. The goal of this fund is to provide scholarships for post-secondary education to outstanding Colorado high school seniors. This scholarship is intended to reward students for exceptional achievement, above and beyond their peers. Five \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2012 to students intending to pursue a degree in science, mathematics, or engineering.

RBC Wealth Management is the nation's sixth largest full-service securities firm with over 2,000 financial advisors and 5,000 employees. RBC Wealth Management serves investors through offices coast-to-coast, and capital markets and correspondent clients in select U.S. and international markets. RBC Wealth Management strives to be a leader in the communities where we do business.

Eligibility

1. This scholarship is open to students graduating from a Colorado high school in the spring of 2012 who intend to pursue a **science, mathematics, or engineering degree** at a college or university in the United States.
2. Applicants must have:
 - at least a 3.75 cumulative grade point average (unweighted) at the time the application is submitted; **and**
 - a score of at least 31 composite on the ACT or a math and critical reading combined score of 1400 or above on the SAT; **and**
 - completed college preparatory coursework relevant to the field of study that they wish to pursue.
3. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents.
4. Applicants must be planning to enroll at an accredited college or university in the United States for the fall 2012 semester/term.
5. Students that have a relative (parent, step-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother, or sister) who is employed by RBC Wealth Management or The Denver Foundation are not eligible for this scholarship.

Application Process and Deadline

The scholarship selection committee will be seeking students who have displayed academic excellence, a passion for their intended field of study, leadership ability, engagement in their school and community, and a strong aptitude for science, mathematics, or engineering. Financial need and any significant challenges that have been overcome in order to achieve excellence will also be taken into consideration, but these will not be the primary factors in the selection process. Applicants will be divided into three geographic regions and at least one recipient will be chosen from each area. **Please note that this is a very competitive scholarship for students planning to major in science, mathematics, or engineering only. Each year we receive a large number of applications.**

Applications forms are available on The Denver Foundation's website (www.denverfoundation.org, select 'Grants/Scholarships'). If you have a recent version of Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can complete the application on your computer, save it, and then print it out. You may also print out the application and fill it in by hand.

Please see the 'Application Instructions and Checklist' on page two for directions. **Applications must be postmarked by March 9, 2012.** A letter will be mailed to all applicants regarding the selection committee's decision on or before April 18, 2012.

Scholarship awards will be paid directly to a recipient's educational institution and can be used toward full time undergraduate study only. Please note that award disbursement is contingent upon the outside scholarship policies of a recipient's college or university. Awards must be used for the 2012-2013 academic year.

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Scholarship Application Instructions and Checklist

****PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY****

Application Form

Please print clearly or download the application and complete it using Acrobat Reader. Application reviewers read a large number of applications and must be able to quickly find the information they need to compare applicants. For this reason, do not write “see résumé” in any of the blanks. Feel free to include a résumé which describes your activities in detail and/or a letter of reference if you would like, but **be sure to fill in all areas of the application form.**

Transcript of Grades

Submit an **official** high school transcript that includes your SAT and/or ACT scores. If you have taken college courses, include an official college transcript.

Personal Essay

Submit an original personal essay of up to 500 words describing what you would like to study in college, what motivated your interest in this area, and your life and career goals. Please also tell us where you would like to study, why this is your first choice school, and why you should be a recipient of a RBC Wealth Management Colorado Scholarship. The essay should be typed and single-spaced.

Deadline

Applications (including all of the items on the checklist) **must be postmarked on or before March 9, 2012.** Please plan ahead and note that this deadline is taken seriously. We suggest that you create a timeline for yourself that allows plenty of time for your guidance counselor to provide an official transcript (sometimes a week or two). **Applications that are incomplete, include unofficial transcripts, or are postmarked after the deadline will not be considered.** We do not accept applications via fax or email.

Mail or deliver all of the above items in one packet to: RBC Wealth Management Colorado Scholarship Fund, c/o The Denver Foundation, 55 Madison Street, Denver, CO 80206.

Checklist of Required Materials

- Completed 3-page Application Form
- Official transcripts and SAT and/or ACT scores
- Typed Personal Essay
- Optional: Résumé, One Letter of Reference

****Please arrange your pages in the order above and do not use staples or binders other than paper clips.****

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact Karen Bellina at 303-996-7348 or kbellina@denverfoundation.org.

ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY AN APPLICANT WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND USED FOR SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PURPOSES ONLY

**RBC WEALTH MANAGEMENT COLORADO SCHOLARSHIP
2012 Application Form**

Please print clearly or type.

Title: (check one) Miss Ms. Mrs. Mr. Other: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Is someone directly related to you (parent, step-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sister, or brother) employed by RBC Wealth Management and/or The Denver Foundation (check one)? Yes No

Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident? Yes No

Name of High School: _____ City/Town: _____

Dates Attended: _____ through _____

Expected High School Graduation Date: _____

Cumulative high school grade point average through the most recently completed term:

Unweighted (required) _____ Weighted (if available) _____

List the courses in which you are currently enrolled and indicate which ones are Accelerated, Advanced Placement or Honors, if any.

ACADEMIC AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS

List and describe any academic or leadership awards you have received or special programs in which you have participated.

VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DATES (FROM-TO)	TIME SPENT (HRS/WK)	ROLE

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List the principal activities in which you have been involved after and outside of school. Include clubs, sports, student government, youth groups, etc.

ACTIVITY	DATES (FROM-TO)	TIME SPENT (HRS/WK)	ROLE

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Beginning with your present or most recent job, list your employment history (if applicable.)

EMPLOYER	POSITION	DATES OF EMPLOYMENT	# OF HRS/WK

FAMILY AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Name of parent(s)/guardian(s) with whom you reside: _____

Household income (estimated 2011 Adjusted Gross Income): \$ _____

Number of people in your household supported by this income: _____

Number of people in your household in a college degree/certification program for the upcoming academic year (including applicant): _____

Have you applied for federal financial aid by submitting a FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid)? _____

If yes, what is your Estimated Family Contribution? \$ _____

List grants and scholarships that you have been awarded or may receive for the upcoming academic year. Please indicate the amount of each award and whether the amount has been confirmed or is pending. Receiving other financial aid *does not* disqualify you from receiving an RBC Wealth Management Colorado Scholarship.**COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:** (If you are unsure, please list your top choices.)

	NAME OF SCHOOL	CITY, STATE	HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED?
First Choice*			
Second Choice			
Third Choice			

*Why is this your first choice school?

Expected major and minor (if applicable): _____

Expected degree (i.e. B.S. in Biochemistry): _____

LIST ESTIMATED EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE 2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR FIRST CHOICE SCHOOL: (This information can be found on your college or university website or through the Financial Aid Office.)

Tuition & Fees:	\$ _____	Room & Board:	\$ _____
Books:	\$ _____	Transportation:	\$ _____
		Other:	\$ _____
		Total Estimated Expenses:	\$ _____

LIST ESTIMATED EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE 2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR SECOND CHOICE SCHOOL:

Tuition & Fees:	\$ _____	Room & Board:	\$ _____
Books:	\$ _____	Transportation:	\$ _____
		Other:	\$ _____
		Total Estimated Expenses:	\$ _____

*Optional - Provide additional information about special circumstances that might limit your family's ability to pay for college, significant challenges that you have had to overcome in order to achieve excellence, and any other information that you would like the selection committee to know.

APPLICATION SIGNATURES (BOTH SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED):

I certify that all of the information in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that if I am selected for an award, I may be asked to provide proof of the information stated on this form, including relevant tax forms. I understand that if this information is not provided, or if the information is different than presented in this application, the award may be rescinded. If I am selected to receive an award, I agree that my name, award amount, and information provided about future plans may be used in announcements or articles (ex. graduation, newspaper) issued by The Denver Foundation, RBC Wealth Management, and/or my school. I understand that all recipients will be required to submit a final report and transcript after the 2012-2013 academic year is completed. I agree to submit these items by the specified deadline. In addition, by signing this form, I hereby authorize the college/university I will be attending in the summer or fall of 2012 to release information on financial aid awarded to me by the college/university and other sources to The Denver Foundation and the RBC Wealth Management Colorado Scholarship Selection Committee.

Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Phone Number: _____