



REFUGEE WOMEN RISING

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Scholarship Application

Application deadline is December 1, 2021.

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a college scholarship from Refugee Women Rising. Our organization was called Benson Area Refugee Taskforce (BART) and we have traditionally given 2-3 college scholarships each year to graduating seniors from high school. BART has a new name, Refugee Women Rising (RWR), and our mission is *Through compassionate, culturally-sensitive programming and relationships, we collaborate with refugee women to further themselves personally and professionally.*

We created this scholarship program to create access to higher education for refugee and immigrant students. Worldwide, women face challenges and being an immigrant is not easy. The United States is a land of freedom, opportunity, and independent discovery. You have worked very hard, especially acclimating to a new culture, another language, and maturing in age. You are a vital part of your family and our community. **We value you**, are inspired by you and are here to help you reawaken the hopes and dreams you have as a New American.

Eligibility / Requirements:

- Student must be an immigrant (or from an immigrant family) to the United States.
- Student must be a graduating senior, a high school graduate, have a GED or equivalent.
- Student will be awarded up to \$1000 per year. This can be for one class or more.
- The scholarship does not have to be for degree-seeking students. If you are seeking training for anything, we will consider paying for those opportunities.
- Student must complete a RWR evaluation form after the course is completed.
- Student must participate in one Refugee Women Rising volunteer activity for each course taken. This can be arranged through a mutual agreement with our director.

Student Information

Name (complete first & last name):

Mailing Address:

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

Current School Information (if enrolled):

Name of School or Training Program:

Current academic study (name class you want to take):

Why do you want to take this class or study this subject?

Anticipated Completion Date (month / year): _____

School Interests / Activities / volunteer work: _____

Have you taken any college classes in the past (circle one)?

Yes

No

If yes, which classes? _____

Do you have any degrees, certifications or special training (such as CNA)? It can be training or schooling before or after you came to the United States.

Do you currently work (circle one)? Yes No

If yes (circle one): full-time part-time

Where? _____

Do you have family responsibilities (childcare or parents, etc.)? Yes No

Parent contact information (if living with parent); name, phone number & language spoken:

Why do you want a scholarship? _____

Checklist:

- completed copy of this application
- copy of high school record/certificate (home country or in U.S.)
- if you are enrolled in a program, please send a copy of any class records (transcript)
- if you are not enrolled, please send contact information for the school or program (name of school, phone number of financial aid office) AND the name and course number you are interested in taking

Final Notes:

Application deadline is December 1, 2021.

- Mail in or bring paperwork to our office (Monday – Friday, 8:30am-4:00pm)
Refugee Women Rising, 3902 Davenport Street, Omaha, NE 68131
- Applicant must be willing to attend a phone, Zoom or in-person interview. Final decisions will be made after the interview.
- If you have any questions about the scholarship, please contact us:
bensonrefugeetf@gmail.com or WhatsApp 402-979-6110.
- If you receive a scholarship, further instructions will be given to you and then a check will be sent directly to the school.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Thank you for applying! Refugee Women Rising is here to help you reawaken your hopes for your future. You are a strong, intelligent and successful woman. We promise to walk with you as a friend and advocate as you take the powerful step for more education.

"My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with passion, compassion, humor and style." ~ American poet Maya Angelou