



# Welcome!

## ANNUAL COUNSELORS MEETING

### AGENDA

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Dave Anderzon - RVC Office of Financial Aid

Hannah Rose Budzynski - ISAC

Morgan Yordy - Rockford Public Library

Linda Buerger - Rock Valley Foundation

Sarah Lambert & Heather Rapp - CFNIL

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# Rock Valley College – Financial Aid Office

Contact Dave Anderzon with any questions about the RVC application and financial aid process, or to schedule a presentation with your students!



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# Illinois Student Assistance Commission - ISAC

Contact Hannah Rose Budzynski with any questions about FAFSA or general financial aid!



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# Rockford Public Library

Contact Morgan Yordy  
with any questions  
regarding library  
resources for students!

RPL Resources Include

- Free Printing
- Print outs of paper applications for some private scholarship providers
- Technology needs



Morgan Yordy (She/They)  
Librarian

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# RVC Foundation Scholarship Overview

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September 27, 2022

# Welcome!

**Linda Buerger** – Contact me with any questions!

Scholarships and Financial Operations Manager

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## **RVC Foundation Scholarships**

<https://rockvalleycollege.edu/scholarships>

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# Scholarship overview

## What are scholarships?

- Scholarships are funds provided by individual donors to the RVC Foundation for Rock Valley College students in order to help cover tuition and fees owed to the college, and to buy the books and mandatory supplies needed for classes.

## How do you qualify for a scholarship?

- Have a 2.0 or higher GPA
- Complete the FAFSA and submit RVC's Form 1
- Register for fall 2023 classes

# How does the RVC Foundation define financial need?

# 1 misconception – it is NOT based on Pell eligibility. Financial need focuses on those who are willing to complete the Rock Valley College financial aid process all the way to the end. File the FAFSA and complete RVC Form 1. That's it for most applicants.

Any guesses as to the highest EFC held by a scholarship recipient this year?

**\$150,531.00**



## Only acceptable reasons why a high school senior cannot complete the process

- ✗ International student – not eligible for federal aid
- ✗ Student will be under 18 years of age – not eligible for federal aid
- ✗ Cannot supply documents requested
- ✗ Cannot supply parental information

None of these listed reasons should stop a students from applying!

# Important Dates – (subject to change)

- ✓ October 1, 2022 – application for the FAFSA form goes live!
- ✓ January 30, 2023 – all RVC Foundation scholarship applications open
- ✓ March 9, 2023 – all applications close
- ✓ April 2, 2023 – priority registration opens
- ✓ April 6, 2023 – registration for new students opens
- ✓ April 10, 2023 – preliminary award notices sent
- ✓ April 20, 2023 – thank you letters are due
- ✓ May 4, 2023 – final award notices sent
- ✓ May 12, 2023 – classes End

Thank you for joining us today!

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# 2022 Community Scholarship Fair

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT **\$500,000** IN LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS!

VISIT BOOTHS TO SPEAK WITH LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDERS &  
FINANCIAL AID EXPERTS

**WHEN** December 6, 2022  
6:30- 8:30 PM

**WHERE** TBA

## SEMINAR OFFERED

Community Foundation of Northern Illinois will provide a deep dive into how to apply for their 100+ scholarships, and the Rockford Public Library will present their scholarship resources.

## SEMINAR OFFERED

Rock Valley College & the Illinois Student Assistance Commission will present on the FAFSA, financial aid programs and how to apply for RVC Foundation scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR... **EVERYONE**

# IN THE MARKET FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS?

FIND INFO ABOUT OVER **\$600,000** IN LOCAL AWARDS AT A  
ONE-STOP-SHOP WEBSITE FOR ALL THINGS SCHOLARSHIPS



## **Scholarships for Local Students**

Connect to details about dozens of scholarships designed for students in Northern Illinois. Over \$600,000 in individuals scholarships are available for students of all ages, backgrounds, and intended majors.



## **Information & Resources**

Find extensive information about the full realm of financial aid, from the FAFSA to choosing a college/career and more!

Visit [ScholarshipsNI.com](https://www.scholarshipsni.com) today!





CFNIL

# Scholarships

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# IN YOUTH WE TRUST COUNCIL



IN YOUTH  
**iywt**  
WE TRUST

Next Meeting:  
October 22 at 10am

To learn more and apply, visit [cfnil.org/iywt](https://cfnil.org/iywt)



# CFNIL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Northern Illinois' largest provider of grants and private scholarships
- Nearly 100 different scholarships awarding almost \$400,000 this year
- Can be used for the full cost of attendance, at any US-based accredited nonprofit or public school, and you don't have to be a graduating senior to apply
- A scholarship for just about everyone:
  - Financial Need
  - Vocation
  - Community Service
  - Field of Study
  - And more!

**\*one application, one deadline\***



# WHY SHOULD I APPLY?

- Scholarship dollars are worth more
  - \$500 loan with 4.99% interest over 10 years actually costs you \$636
- 1 in 3 chance of receiving an award
  - Scholarships go unawarded every year
- Opportunity to qualify for multiple scholarships at once
  - Each applicant applied for an average of 3 scholarships
- You've already done most of the work!

# THE PROCESS

1. Register for an account at [www.cfnil.org](http://www.cfnil.org)
  - See <http://cfnil.org/how-to-register-apply/> for specific instructions
2. Complete the main application
  - Basic background info
  - Academic information **FROM THE END OF YOUR JUNIOR YEAR**
  - Include financial aid data (SAR) to be considered for need-based scholarships
  - Provide contact info for references and academic verifier
3. See which scholarships you're eligible for
4. Write an essay for each scholarship you want to apply to
5. Submit and repeat



# THE PROCESS – WHAT'S NEXT?

1. Applications reviewed anonymously by committees in March & April and recipients approved by CFNIL Board in April
2. Recipients notified by the end of April via letter and email that they've received an award
3. Status of all applications available in Web Portal after May 1
4. Acceptance Forms and thank you letters due May 31
5. CFNIL Scholarship Night – June 15, 2023
6. Checks sent directly to school by early July

# REFERENCES/THIRD PARTY FORMS

- Deadline: **February 16, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.**
  - You can work on the forms before the applicant deadline!
- Two kinds of third party forms:
  - **Academic Verification**
    - for HS Seniors only
    - Completed by counselors or registrars
    - Report academic information **as of second semester junior year**
    - Submit both weighted and unweighted GPAs
    - GED students and those who've already graduated provide scores/transcripts
  - **Recommendation**
    - Only one required; some scholarships may have a second, more specific recommendation needed
    - Can be any adult that knows the student well, as long as they're not a relative
    - Rate students on various characteristics and provide three adjectives
- **[cfnil.org/counselors-references](https://cfnil.org/counselors-references)**
  - Walkthrough video
  - Written instructions



# Step 1

## Email

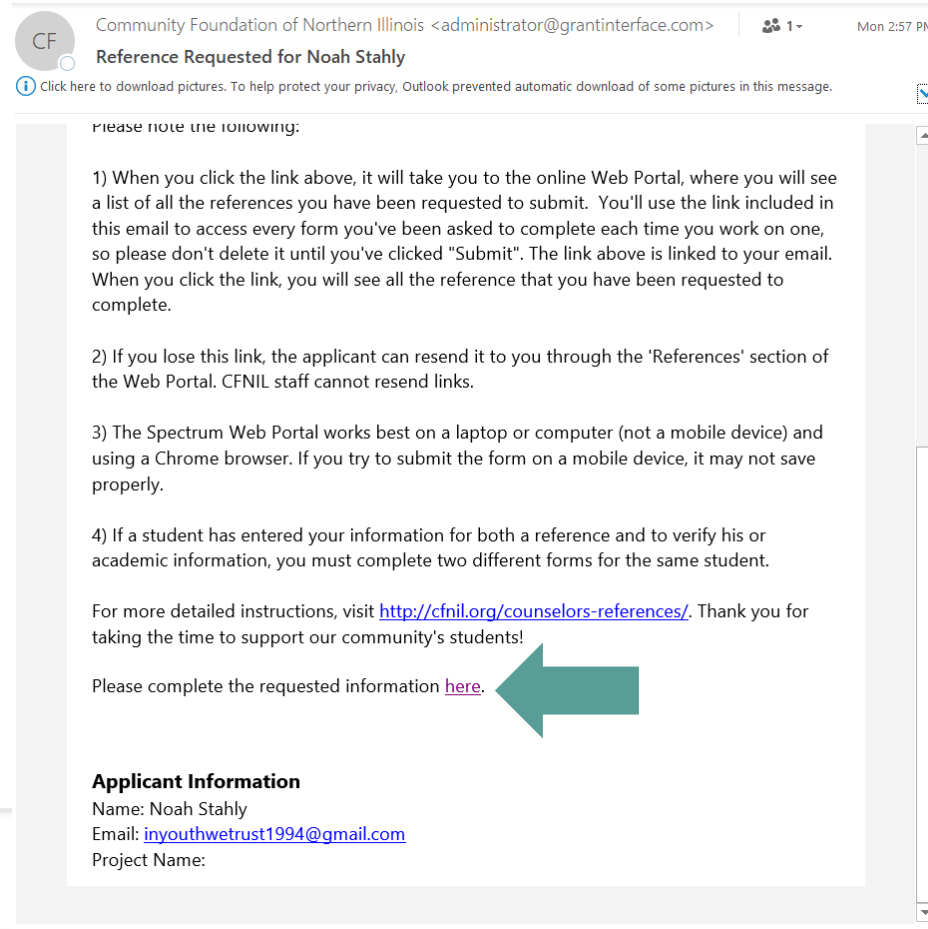


# Step 2



## Third Party Dashboard

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✓	<a href="#">View</a> Sierra Stahly	Community Foundation of Northern Illinois Scholarship	2019/2020 CFNIL Scholarship Application	09/10/2019
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# RESOURCES

The screenshot shows the 'RESOURCES' page of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. The header includes the logo, navigation links (ABOUT, GIVE, RECEIVE, INITIATIVES, RESOURCES), and utility links (ADVISOR LOGIN, CONTACT US, SEARCH). A right-hand sidebar contains buttons for 'Donate now', 'Apply for a Scholarship', and 'Apply for a Grant'. The main content area features a large blue banner with a white arrow pointing down and the text 'BRO... RELI...'. Below this is a yellow banner with 'GIVE NOW' and the text 'Support the people of Rockford's sister city'. A dropdown menu for 'RESOURCES' lists: SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES, RESOURCES FOR GRANTSEEKERS, RESOURCES FOR CURRENT GRANTEEES, REPORTS, POLICIES, and COVID-19 RESPONSE. The bottom section is divided into two columns: 'Give' (with a pink overlay) and 'Receive' (with a green overlay). The 'Give' column includes the text 'the causes you care about the most. lowment, your gift makes a deep impact -- forever!' and a 'Ways to Give' button. The 'Receive' column includes the text 'If you're a nonprofit seeking a grant for your proje or a student looking for educational support, you're in the right place.' and a 'Grant & Scholarship Opportunities' button. A large blue arrow points to the 'Grant & Scholarship Opportunities' button.

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ADVISOR LOGIN CONTACT US SEARCH

ABOUT ▾ GIVE ▾ RECEIVE ▾ INITIATIVES ▾ RESOURCES ▾

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# RESOURCES



## Fred Peterson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

*To provide financial encouragement for Hononegah Community High School students to pursue higher education.*

[Apply Now](#)

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**Deadline: February 1st**

This scholarship has a deadline of February 1st at 5pm.

[Learn How to Register & Apply](#)

### Essay

Mr. Peterson received his education at liberal arts colleges in the Midwest that taught critical thinking and writing skills. How do you think a well-rounded liberal arts education will help you navigate a changing world?

### Criteria

Applicant must:

- Be a graduating senior or graduate of Hononegah Community High School District 207;
- Have a cumulative unweighted GPA of at least 2.5/4.0;
- Attend a 4-year college or university;
- Demonstrate a commitment to their community through service and activities.

Preference will be given to those that demonstrate proper grammar and organized thoughts in their essay in honor of Mr. Peterson's dedication to clear communication and the written word.

Past recipients may reapply.

### Biography

Fred S. Peterson, Jr, age 90 of Freeport, IL, passed away on Monday, March 30, 2020 at Parkview Home in Freeport. He was born August 15, 1929 in Rockford, IL; the son of the late Fred S. and Hilma (Erickson) Peterson, Sr. Fred graduated from East Rockford High School in 1947 and went on to graduate from Beloit College in 1951 where he was a member of Sigma Chi and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.



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# RESOURCES

<https://www.cfnil.org/scholarship-resources>

## How to Register and Apply for CFNIL Scholarships

Unless otherwise noted on the individual scholarship page, CFNIL uses an [online application system](#). CFNIL migrated to a new scholarship application system in 2019. If you have not applied via the new system, you will need to create a new account in the new system. Learn how to register for the new [scholarship application portal](#), complete the CFNIL scholarship application, and navigate your Applicant Dashboard, in the videos below.



## Additional Tips for CFNIL Scholarship Applicants

Academic Information and the Reference Process

Counselors and References

FAFSA Tips - Student Aid Report

Sign up to receive CFNIL Scholarship Updates by Text!

Past Year's Scholarship Recipients

## CFNIL Scholarship Program FAQs

I have a GED, not a high school diploma. Am I eligible for scholarships?

You have a lot of scholarships. Do I need to submit applications for each one?



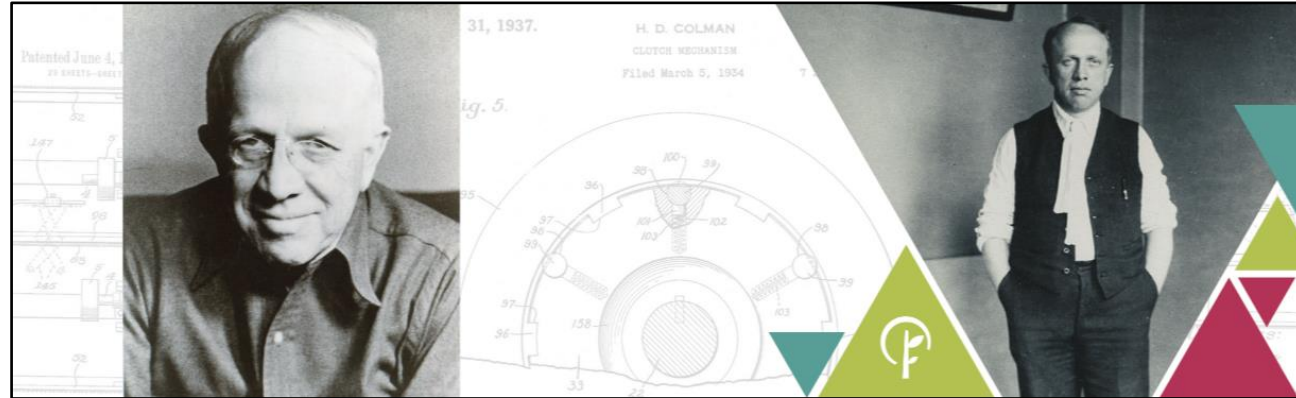
**Over half a million dollars in local scholarships are available for ALL types of students**



[ScholarshipsNI.com](https://scholarshipsni.com)



# COLMAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



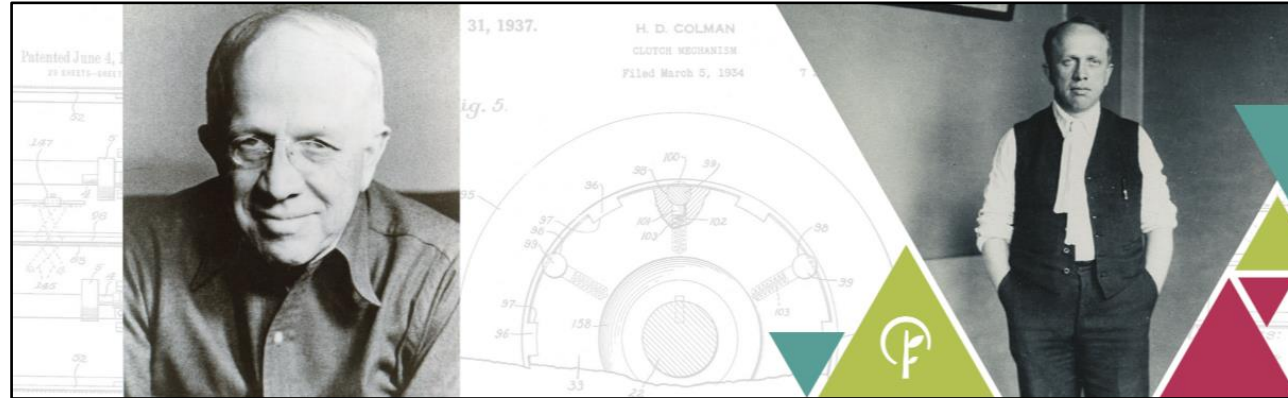
## Scholarship Criteria

- Be high school graduating senior that resides in Boone or Winnebago County
- Major in engineering, computer science, applied science or a comparable technology field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0/4.0
- Personify the innovative spirit of HDC
  - Local students with an innovative, entrepreneurial spirit who are invested in supporting the Rockford community through industry

## Program Criteria

- Demonstrated connection and commitment to the Rockford region
- Willing to commit the next four summers to doing a 20-30+ hours/week internship
- Student must be willing to take at least one local internship
  - Participants work with Furst Staffing

# COLMAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



## Award Amounts

- \$2,500 for the first year
  - Four participants chosen
- After the first year, one individual is chosen to be the scholar and receive \$10,000 for the next three years

## Application Deadlines


- Application is open November 1<sup>st</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - **This is a separate application!**
- Reference letter due January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
- In person interviews for 6 finalists: Week of February 6<sup>th</sup>

# NEW SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2023

- Jan Stringer Memorial Scholarship
  - Students pursuing a career in nursing
- WCRTA Blanche J. Martin Scholarship
  - Winnebago County; current college student; elementary education
- West Gateway Coalition Scholarship
  - Reside in boundaries of West Gateway; 2.0+ GPA
- Tom Moore Family Scholarship
  - East HS; academic performance
- Regina Potts Memorial Scholarship
  - East HS; career in teaching








# CFNIL Scholarships

## LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



"Help me get to know your school and the needs of your students! This year we will be scheduling Scholarship Success Planning Meetings. Within the next couple of weeks, I will be reaching out to set up a time to discuss your specific goals and how we can differentiate the scholarship learning process for your staff and students." - Heather Rapp, Scholarship Associate

### Student & Support Focused

#### Scholarship Presentation

General information about our programs and a custom walk-through of the scholarship application. The presentation can be adjusted to fit your needs and time constraints!

#### Workshops

With CFNIL there to help, students can start filling out the first stage of the application and be matched with scholarships. We can then provide tips and tricks to construct a compelling essay.

#### Classroom Mini-Lesson

Foster a deeper level of engagement by scheduling a real-world connection mini-lesson for a senior content area class.  
BONUS -Teacher participation artifacts!

#### Career & Scholarship Events

Does your school have your own Career Day or Scholarship Fair? We'd love to talk about working in the non-profit sector and share information about our scholarship program.

#### Student News Collab

Do you have a student-produced news channel, newspaper, or podcast? I'll work with your news crew to provide info/interviews so they can teach their peers about scholarship opportunities.

#### ScholarSIP Coffee Talks

I'll bring the coffee! Schedule an informal meeting or at P/T conferences to empower students and their support system in preparing for their next steps.


### Educator & Staff Focused

#### SIP/ Institute day

Meet professional learning standards and touch on elements of Danielson, by empowering your staff to recognize how they play a direct role in preparing students for success beyond the classroom.

#### Staff Meetings/ PLCs

Scholarships are for everyone! We offer several scholarships for students whose next chapter of learning may not be with a traditional 4-year college program.



**Let's Connect!** CONTACT HEATHER RAPP AT 779-210-2809 OR HRAPP@CFNIL.ORG

CFNIL.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS

DECEMBER 1 - FEBRUARY 1

- Welcome Heather- CFNIL's new Scholarship Associate!
- Goals for 2023
- Differentiating for your students
- Add CFNIL to your Safe Senders list
- Let's get together to discuss your student's needs!