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Robert D. Blue Scholarship Application Help Sheet

Applications for the Robert D. Blue Scholarship are accepted ONLINE ONLY.

Important!

The purpose of this document is to help you get organized and collect all the information needed in order to fill out the online application.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: The applicant must be someone who has spent the majority of his/her life in Iowa. The person must also be a current high school senior or someone already enrolled in a college/university. This includes persons in graduate school. This scholarship is for one academic year only; new winners are chosen each year.

Having the following documents available will assist you in completing the online application:

1. High school and college transcript (if currently attending college),
NOTE: We will ask for your transcripts if you are chosen as a winner. High school transcript is required even if you are in college
(Exception: please let us know if you have been out of high school for fifteen (15) years or more).
2. Last year's federal tax return(s).
 - If you are claimed as a dependent, your parent's or guardian's return(s).
 - If you are NOT claimed as a dependent, you and your spouse's return(s).
3. Statement of grants/scholarships that you will receive from the college financial aid office.
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation from someone other than a family member.
5. Original 500-word essay on the topic described below.
6. Award letter from the college you are or will be attending.
7. Completed FAFSA form.

It is important that a copy of grant/scholarship amounts from the college you are or will be attending is included with the application. If you are not receiving financial aid, please submit a letter from the college stating that financial aid will not be granted. If you do not have a current copy, please send it as soon as you receive it. If the college will not have awards letter ready in time, please have them send us something saying this is the case.

Essay Topic: Select an individual from your community (not a family member) who has demonstrated the responsibilities of being a citizen of a community. Write a 500-word essay on what this individual has done for his/her community. Make sure to title your essay. **Points will be deducted for essays written about family members.**

NOTE: If you have previously received this scholarship you are not eligible to receive it again.

DEADLINE: The Robert D. Blue Scholarship must be **submitted online on or before May 10th.**

STEP 1

NAME:	HIGH SCHOOL:
PERMANENT ADDRESS:	ADDRESS:
CITY:	CITY:
STATE: ZIP CODE:	ZIP CODE:
TELEPHONE:	HIGH SCHOOL GPA: COLLEGE GPA:
DATE OF BIRTH:	COUNTY IN WHICH YOU LIVE:
COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR TECHNICAL SCHOOL YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:	
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STEP 2

A. STUDENT/FAMILY INFORMATION	B. STUDENT/FAMILY INCOME INFORMATION
1. Is the student married? Yes ____ No ____ Number of Children: ____	Complete this section for the student's parents. If student is dependent from parents, he/she must complete this section for him/herself (and his/her spouse if married):
2. Did parents claim as exemption this year? Yes ____ No ____	13. Information provided is for: Parent__ Student__ Student's Spouse__
3. Did parents claim as exemption last year? Yes ____ No ____	14. Tax Return Status for 2009: Single: ____ Joint: ____
4. Is the student an orphan or ward of court? Yes ____ No ____	15. Exemptions claimed:
5. Student's Father & Mother, or Students Spouse Name:	16. Adjusted Gross Income from IRS form:
6. Father's or Spouse's Occupation:	17. U.S. Income Tax Paid:
7. Mother's Occupation:	18. Father's or Student's (if student is not a dependent) Income from Work:
8. Parent's Marital Status:	19. Mother's or Spouse's (if student is married) Income from Work:
9. Age of older parent or spouse (if older than student):	20. Other Income:
10. State of Legal Residence:	21. As of today what is your (and your spouse's) total current balance of cash, savings and checking accounts?
11. Number of family members living at home:	22. As of today, what is the net worth of your (and your spouse's) investments, including real estate (not your home)? <i>Net worth means current value minus debt.</i>
12. Number in college in upcoming school year:	23. If you have completed the FAFSA, please include the totals from Additional Financial Information and Untaxed Income below. If you have not completed the form, please visit http://www.fafsa.ed.gov in order to calculate the figures.
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STEP 3

<p>Official cost of attendance at school you plan to attend *: \$ _____</p> <p><i>*Any change in the institution you are attending, the official cost of attendance, or financial aid you are receiving may result in a recalculation of the award. If you are chosen as a winner, we will verify this information prior to releasing funds to the school.</i></p> <p>Please list the names and amounts of other scholarships and grants you have received for the coming school year. Please DO NOT include any loans or work-study you have received. You are required to submit this at time of application.</p> <p>1. Name _____ Amount _____</p> <p>2. Name _____ Amount _____</p> <p>3. Name _____ Amount _____</p> <p>4. Name _____ Amount _____</p> <p>5. Name _____ Amount _____</p>
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STEP 4

Please list any volunteer activities:

STEP 5

ESSAY: Select an individual from your community (not a family member) who has demonstrated the responsibilities of being a citizen of a community. Write a 500-word essay on what this individual has done for his/her community. Make sure to title the essay appropriately. **Points will be deducted for essays written about family members.**

REFERENCES: Please enter the name/address of two people that will be writing the student a letter of recommendation for this scholarship.

Reference 1:

Reference 2:

**TO COMPLETE ROBERT D. BLUE APPLICATION, THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SUBMITTED
ONLINE:**

- Online application
- Original 500 word essay

**TO COMPLETE ROBERT D. BLUE APPLICATION, THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SUBMITTED
BY MAIL:**

Items can be sent separately

- Signed signature page
- Two letters of recommendation written by references provided in application.
- Award letter (not acceptance letter) from the college
*NOTE: If student is not receiving financial aid, please submit a letter from the college stating financial aid will not be granted or If student's college will not have award letter ready in time, have them send us something saying this is the case.
We need an official letter from them.*
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