

THE RACHEL REICHNER EXCELLENCE IN SCOUTING SCHOLARSHIP 2025 INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

Eligibility Requirements:

- Aged 17-25
- Been a member of a Scouting program during high school.
- Enrolled or accepted into a post-secondary school for Fall 2025.
- Previous applicants may apply for the scholarship. Past scholarship recipients are not eligible to reapply.

Evaluation Criteria:

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide high achieving Scouts financial assistance towards post-secondary school education. This is a non-academic award and is based on leadership and achievements in the Scouting program. Do not include your academic achievements or transcript as this will disqualify your application.

Scholarship Fund Disbursement:

The scholarship amount will be determined by The 37 Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee. The scholarship award will be payable to the recipient. The 37 Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee will choose the number of recipients and the amount of the scholarship awards. The scholarship award amount likely will range between \$500 and \$2,500. Recipients will be required to submit a scholarship acceptance agreement, digital picture and thank you note before the scholarship award is disbursed. Failure to do so in a timely manner may result in forfeiture of the scholarship award.

Required materials must be **postmarked** by May 31, 2025, but applicants are encouraged not to wait until the last minute. **Applications sent by priority or overnight mail will not be accepted if sent after May 25.** Incomplete, late, or electronic submissions will not be accepted or reviewed. Mail completed applications to:

The 37 Foundation
Rachel Reichner Excellence in Scouting Scholarship
P.O. Box 228
Thiells, NY 10984

Applications Must Include:

- Scholarship application completed in full, both typed and handwritten applications will be accepted this year. Additional pages may be attached as needed to fully answer all questions. Please note on the application form that you have attached additional pages to answer the question. Please clearly note which question you are answering on the additional pages.
- Two Letters of Recommendation (only two will be accepted)
- Essays as directed in the application
- Copy of acceptance letter from the post-secondary school for Fall 2025 or Certification of Enrollment in a post-secondary school

Questions regarding the scholarship may be directed to: Lynn Horwitz at (845) 364 - 5424, scholarship@the37foundation.org or www.the37foundation.org

All scholarship applications become the property of the Scholarship Selection Committee and may be reproduced at any time. Taxes and reporting are the responsibility of the recipient.

Applicants receiving an award should be notified by July 31, 2025.

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Full Name: _____ DOB: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone (include area code): _____ Email: _____

On my honor as a Scout I swear that all of the information contained in this application is correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Attach additional pages or documentation necessary to fully complete this application.

1. Scout Unit(s): Please provide information about the Scouting unit(s) you are/were active in.

Girl Scouts

Troop No.: _____ Range of Years Involved: _____ County: _____

Unit City, State, Zip: _____

Council: _____

Scouts BSA

Troop No.: _____ Range of Years Involved: _____ District: _____

Unit City, State, Zip: _____

Council: _____ Region: _____

Venturing

Crew No.: _____ Range of Years Involved: _____ District: _____

Unit City, State, Zip: _____

Council: _____ Region: _____

Sea Scouts

Ship No.: _____ Range of Years Involved: _____ Squadron: _____

Unit City, State, Zip: _____

Flotilla: _____ Region: _____

2. Scouting Awards Earned: Please indicate awards earned through the Scouting program by providing the month (if known) and year the award was earned. If an award has been earned in multiple areas or on multiple occasions please provide information with respect to each area or occasion the award was earned.

Girl Scouts

Bronze Award: _____

Silver Award: _____

Gold Award: _____

Religious Award(s): _____

Other: _____

Scouts BSA

Eagle: _____

Total Number of Merit Badges _____

Religious Award(s): _____

William T. Hornaday Award: _____

Other: _____

Venturing

Summit: _____ Ranger: _____

Quest: _____ Trust: _____

NOVA: _____

Religious Award(s): _____

William T. Hornaday Award: _____

Other: _____

Sea Scouts

Apprentice: _____ Ordinary: _____

Able: _____ Quartermaster: _____

Small Boat Handler: _____

Qualified Seaman: _____

.. Religious Award(s): _____

William T. Hornaday Award: _____

Other: _____

3. Scouting High Adventure: Please indicate high adventure experiences by providing the year the experience took place and the type of experience as appropriate.

Philmont Base Program: _____ Philmont Specialty Program: _____

Northern Tier High Adventure: _____ Sea Base: _____

Summit Bechtel Reserve: _____ Other: _____

4. Trainings: Please indicate location, year, and awards received during trainings completed. If you served on staff for a training course please indicate you were staff for the training.

ILST/ILSC/ILSS: _____ NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training): _____

NAYLE: _____ NYLT Leadership Academy: _____

Powderhorn: _____ Wood Badge: _____

Camp School: _____ WSI (Water Safety Instructor): _____

SEAL (Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training): _____

Other: _____

5. Scout Camp: Please provide information about employment at Scout camp.

Scout Camp(s): _____ Dates: _____

Position(s) Held: _____

6. Leadership: Please provide details about Scouting youth leadership positions held. Please indicate branch of Scouting, position(s) held, and term of office.

Unit: _____

Squadron/Council: _____

Region: _____

National: _____

Awards Related to Scouting Leadership (Describe): _____

7. Military Service: Please indicate if you have served or intend to serve in the United States Military. Please indicate the service (Army, Navy, Coast Guard, etc.) in which you have served or intend to serve.

Enlistment: _____ Service Academy: _____ ROTC: _____

8. Letters of Recommendation: Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation. One of the two letters of recommendation must be from a registered Scouting adult (Scoutmaster, Skipper, Advisor, Unit Committee Chair) and the other from an academic or religious mentor. Letters must include how long and in what capacity the recommender has known the applicant. Please provide the requested information for the individuals who are writing your letters of recommendation.

Scouting Adult:

Name: _____ Position: _____

Academic or Religious Mentor:

Name: _____ Position: _____

9. College or Technical School: Please attach either a Letter of Acceptance from the post-secondary school you will be attending in 2025 or a Certification of Enrollment from your current post-secondary school.

Post-secondary school: _____ Expected graduation: _____

10. Essays: Please submit the following essays. Responses that do not answer the questions asked will disqualify the application. Essays must be typed, double-spaced, 12 pt., Times New Roman or Arial font with one (1) inch margins. Please indicate which question the essay is responding to at the beginning of the essay.

1. **Primary essay** (500 – 1000 words): “What does Scouting mean to you and how has it affected your life?”
2. **Secondary essay(s):** Please select **one (1)** of the following two (2) options:
 - a. **Attach** a copy of your Common Application Essay together with the Supplemental Essays submitted to your first choice school.
 - b. **Write an original essay** (250 – 500 words) on **one (1)** topic from the following five (5) options:
 - i. How do you plan to use your skills and knowledge from your Scouting experience to contribute to your community?
 - ii. Describe how you use a specific skill developed in Scouting in your daily life and how you expect to use that skill in your future.
 - iii. How have your Scouting experiences helped you to overcome a great obstacle?
 - iv. What obstacles did you overcome to be part of Scouting?
 - v. What was the most significant challenge you faced as a leader in Scouting? How did you handle the situation? Would you handle the situation any differently now?