

River Bend Gun Club Scholarship Program

2019 Criteria

The River Bend Gun Club awards scholarships to the sons, daughters and legal wards of RBGC members in good standing who have been members for two years or more at the time the scholarship application is submitted. The official membership date is the date the member's membership application was accepted by the RBGC Board. The award is \$1,000 per year for four years, provided that (a) the parent maintains RBGC membership and (b) for each of the second, third, and fourth academic years the Scholarship recipient demonstrates that he or she is a full-time student at an accredited college or professional school with a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher.

The Cumulative Grade Point Average is the grade point average for all previous academic years. For example, the Cumulative Grade Point Average for the first and second academic years will be used to determine whether the Scholarship recipient continues to be eligible for the Scholarship for the third academic year. When and if a Scholarship recipient's Cumulative Grade Point Average drops below 3.0, the \$1,000 annual award for the next academic year is eliminated. If the Scholarship recipient raises his or her Cumulative Grade Point Average to 3.0 or above the annual award is reactivated for the academic years remaining within the original four-year award period. For example, if a Scholarship recipient failed to qualify for an award for the 2018/2019 academic year, he or she could still qualify for and receive an annual award for the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 academic years. However, Scholarship recipients who report two or more years with Cumulative Grade Point Averages below 3.0 are dropped from the program and are not eligible for reinstatement. The Cumulative Grade Point Average is not rounded up to 3.0, but is used exactly as reported by the institution.

The annual scholarship awards are made or eliminated for entire academic years and not portions of academic years. An "academic year" is the year starting at the beginning of the fall semester and ending at the end of the summer semester.

The Scholarship recipient is eligible for an award for four academic years starting with the year the award is granted. For example, the 2019 award will be in effect for the academic years 2019/2020 thru 2022/2023, provided that the criteria described above are met. Year 2, 3 and 4 scholars are required to provide their transcripts during July or August for the previous academic year and proof of enrollment for the coming year. Year 1 scholars are required to provide proof of enrollment for the coming year.

All students entering accredited undergraduate or graduate college/professional-technical schools may apply.

This award has been given to 26 students since the RBGC scholarship program was initiated in 2004. The total value of the scholarship awards to date is \$104,000. There are currently 10 students receiving scholarships in the program.

The ideal candidate possesses the aptitudes, demeanor and motivation to successfully enter and complete a college or an accredited professional school program. Thus far 100% of RBGC's scholars have completed their programs and graduated. The ideal scholarship candidate is also one who knows and can support the second amendment and who will represent the shooting sports in a positive manner.

High School seniors or college/professional/technical students must submit a scholarship application (**applications are available on the RBGC web site**) by 12/31/2018 to be considered for the 2019 Scholarship. The RBGC Scholarship Committee conducts interviews and Scholarships are awarded based on:

- Applications which are submitted according to instructions and in a professional manner
- Conduct and deportment during a face to face interview with the Scholarship Committee
- High School Grade Point Average
- Aptitude Test scores (SAT & ACT)
- Extracurricular activities
- Statement of clear career objectives and plans
- Understanding of and support for the Second Amendment
- Ability to provide two references
- Participation in and understanding of the shooting sports.

The committee may recommend multiple scholarship awards in a given year based on the funds available or none if the candidates do not meet and exceed the standards.

The RBGC Scholarship Committee members are Ken Smith, David Rabin, Chuck Watson, Barry Zuckerman, Larry Towner and Gene Gray. The Scholarship Committee serves at the pleasure of the RBGC Board of Directors. When and if a Scholarship applicant is a member of any committee member's family, that committee member must recuse himself from participating in any aspect of the committee's processes concerning that applicant.

Four Scholarships were awarded in 2017. The recipients were Sarah Lasseigne, Dillion Hemphill, Brittany Alexander and Mitchell McCraney. They are proud additions to our portfolio of scholarship recipients.

If you have a son or daughter entering undergraduate or graduate college (or currently in college) or a professional school, please encourage them to apply for this scholarship.

If you have any questions please contact any committee member.