The Rick Greene Scholarship Award

We are a non-profit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization focused on assisting individuals who are seeking to acquire marketable skills by completing college (undergraduate or graduate programs), junior college, or vocational training programs. We seek to provide supplemental financial assistance to deserving disadvantaged US citizens who are pursuing specific educational or vocational training goals that are likely to directly result in job or career opportunities. We consider full- or part-time applicants.

Our Award Philosophy

Our focus is on persons who (1) can provide some of the resources needed, but require supplemental financial assistance to attain their goals, and (2) demonstrate positive character traits. In order to maximize the number of persons we can help, our charter limits typical scholarship awards to $1,000 or less per applicant per year. Also, consistent with our focus on providing supplemental assistance, we especially want to help applicants who partially self-fund their educational or vocational training pursuits by part-time or full-time work. In addition, we strongly believe in the value of positive character traits. As a result, we consider demonstrated perseverance, focus, and determination to be important pluses when considering applicants. Typical selection criteria such as GPAs and standardized test scores, while considered, are not necessarily major considerations.

Therefore, with our emphasis on (1) primarily providing supplemental financial assistance, (2) considering both full- and part-time applicants, (3) giving substantial weight to applicants' positive character traits, and (4) de-emphasizing typical selection criteria, we endeavor to attract and assist deserving individuals who often might not be favorably considered by other more-traditional scholarship sources. In sum, we want to help strong, motivated, and resourceful deserving individuals who might otherwise be unable to realize their educational or training goals without the financial assistance we can offer.

Applicant Qualifications

As noted, we strongly believe that positive character traits are a key factor in predicting future successful outcomes. For that reason, information that indicates characteristics such as resourcefulness, determination, focus, perseverance, and similar attributes is given considerable weight when we evaluate applicants. Accordingly, applicants are encouraged to highlight activities, accomplishments, or endeavors that demonstrate positive personal character traits. For example, we consider honorable military service or other public service to be a plus. Likewise, working while attending school can be a plus. Also, applicants who have taken longer than usual to complete a program due to obstacles or impediments may be favorably considered.

Grades, standard test scores, and other common measures, while taken into consideration, are only part of the applicant evaluation process. Our minimum GPA for eligibility is 2.0 on a 4.0 numerical scale or "Pass" on a "Pass/Fail" scale.

Application Submission Deadlines

To facilitate the process and encourage the submission of applications, there are no application deadlines. Also, in recognition of the fact that some educational and vocational programs operate on a year-round basis, we accept applications on a year-round basis. However, although we accept applications throughout the year, no application is complete without documentation evidencing that the applicant has been accepted or is continuing the educational or vocational program in question and will be enrolled during the award period.

Additional information concerning our program, including a free on-line application form, is available on our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/RickGreeneScholarshipTrust.org. You may also contact us directly at: RickGreeneScholarshipTrust@gmail.com.

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