RDVF Scholarship Instructions:

The RDVF Scholarship Program has grown significantly over the years. Today’s foundation is dedicated to its continued growth. In recent years the RDVF has approved nearly $20,000 per year in college scholarship money to the descendants of RDVF Members. Each year the RDVF Scholarship Committee reviews applications from eligible college-age students and selects winners and scholarship amounts. (Only undergraduate students are being considered at this time)

Eligibility – applicant must be either a graduating high school senior who is accepted to a college, enrolled in college, and/or eligible to attend college in the fall and who is also:

A descendant of a current RDVF Veteran or Legacy Member (A descendant is defined as: All spouses, children, spouses of children, descendants and spouses, and all blood and adopted relatives and their spouses);

or

A current soldier of the 42nd Infantry Division, in good standing.

In addition, all applicants must be sponsored by a current RDVF Veteran or Legacy member who has been a member for at least the last three consecutive years, or is a “Lifetime Member”. The applicant is responsible to find their own Sponsor and to coordinate that portion of the application process with them.

The Scholarship Sponsor: Can only sponsor one applicant per scholarship year. The sponsor must vouch for the applicant’s eligibility in writing. Veteran and Legacy RDVF members can sponsor their own descendants as long as they meet the consecutive year membership criteria, or are Lifetime Members.

Applicants must complete the Scholarship Application form included with these instructions and provide the following:

1. A letter of nomination from the Scholarship Sponsor which clearly delineates the Applicant’s eligibility.

2. Official high school transcripts and/or official college transcripts as appropriate. SAT and/or ACT scores must be submitted separately if they are not recorded on the official transcript. Please note any Advanced Placement (AP) or Honors (H) Courses.

3. Two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a school representative (teacher, professor, coach, counselor, principal etc.) The second letter can be a general character reference.

4. Essay – please articulate your interests and hobbies, intended major/and or interest in college. In your essay describe the manner in which past experience and/or proposed college program of study will contribute to the accomplishment of “Creating an enduring commitment to world-wide understanding, permanent peace, and respect for the rights of individuals in all nations.” You may include courses taken, books read, relevant experiences, activities, service or volunteer work that have reinforced your desire to influence society in keeping with the tradition and goals of the Foundation. Please include all leadership activities/awards that you may have held or have received.
When preparing your essay, please review our website www.rainbowvets.org for history and information related to the 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division and the Rainbow Division Veterans Foundation.

The application period is from March 1st through July 1st of each year.

Inquiries and completed applications with supporting material must be mailed or electronically submitted to:

Michael Kelly, Scholarship Chairman
143 Milner Avenue
Albany, NY 12208-1421
Tel: 518-489-4580
Email: mkelly5993@nycap.rr.com

The postmark deadline for completed applications is July 1st. If mailing the materials please use a minimum 9x12 size envelope so that no pages are folded.

Previous award winners are not eligible to apply.

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate each applicant utilizing a merit evaluation process, examining academics, extracurricular activities, committee member assessment and applicant essay. Individual scholarships have ranged from $1,000 to $5,000 in past years, however, available funds dictate scholarship amounts and numbers each year.

Through the generosity of families and organizations and/or the significant efforts of members who have managed the scholarship program over the years the following endowed scholarships exist:

Stillman Sawyer Award
Ted Simonson Award
Duhaseck Family Award
Dee and Barbara Eberhart Family Award
222nd Infantry Award
Ted Johnson Award
Kaiser Family Award

Additional awards may be given at the recommendation of the scholarship committee.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Information:
Legal Name:
- Last:  
- First:  
- MI:  

Permanent Residence Address:
- Street and Number:  
- City:  
- State:  
- Zip:  

Other Applicant Information:
- Birth Date:  
- Phone:  
- Email:  
- Descendant of RDVF Member:  
- Relationship:  
- High School Attended:  
- Graduation Date:  
- College Where Enrolled:  
- Entrance Date:  

RDVF Sponsor Information:
- RDVF Sponsor Name:  
- RDVF Member Since:  
- Street and Number:  
- City:  
- State:  
- Zip:  

Please thoroughly read the “Scholarship Instructions” and provide all the required information along with this completed application. All applications must be received no later than July 1st of each year. Mail or submit electronically to:

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Proof of college enrollment is required prior to receipt of any scholarship proceeds.

I have read and understand the information/guidelines, included all required attachments and certify that all information is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

Applicant Signature:  
Date: