



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2011

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OR

**ROCKFORD ASSOCIATION FOR MINORITY MANAGEMENT
P. O. Box 6703, ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS 61125
815-637-6400**

Dear RAMM Scholarship Applicant:

Since its inception in 1980, Rockford Association for Minority Management (RAMM) has become the most prolific African-American non-profit organization in the Rockford region. RAMM's original purpose was to enhance the contributions of minority management in business, industry and the community at large. In our quest to implement initiatives to increase opportunities for both educational and professional development for African Americans, RAMM has developed a scholarship program to target the African American youth.

RAMM offers a limited number of scholarships to African-American high school seniors in Winnebago County. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize and reward personal and academic achievement and to help defray the cost of higher education. The number and amount of scholarship awards varies based upon available resources and the size of the applicant pool.

To be considered, the applicant must be an African-American high school senior enrolled in a Winnebago County school with a minimum GPA of 2.5/4.0, and attend an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university.

- Submit the required documentation. Fill in all blanks. "NA" may be entered in spaces that are not applicable. The application form must be received by **November 25, 2011**. *Please specify whether this is an application for for a 4-year or 2-year institution.*
- Official transcripts with test scores are required. GPA and Junior/Senior grades on the application form are used in the initial evaluation process, and it is essential that they be accurate. All academic information is confirmed by official transcript.
- Two letters of recommendation (pages 8 & 9) are required. It is preferred that they are from individuals who know the applicant well: (a) one should be from the academic setting; (b) the other can be from extra curricular and community involvement. The applicant is responsible for submitting these letters by **November 25, 2011**.
- A typewritten essay or personal statement of 500 words or fewer is required. The topic is flexible in order to allow applicants to express themselves beyond the constraints of specific questions asked during the interview process. This is a chance to distinguish yourself from other applicants and show RAMM what makes you the better candidate. You may address social issues that concern you, or express your thoughts artistically through a poem or short story. You may also use this as an opportunity to provide insight into you as a person as it relates to a life experience or special circumstance.

The selection process is very complex. RAMM recognizes the diversity of the applicant pool and has established a variety of selection criteria in order to evaluate an individual's achievements in life as well as the academic arena. GPA and ACT/SAT scores weigh heavily in the selection process but are by no means the sole criteria. We are looking for well-rounded students with not only solid grades and test scores, but also involvement in athletic, church, employment, and community activities with an outstanding interview and personal statement.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKAGE

This Scholarship Package contains:

1. Criteria and Documentation
2. Application Form
3. Letters of Recommendation
4. Essay Information
5. Signed Consent Form

RAMM SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA & DOCUMENTATION

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

1. Must be an African-American high school senior enrolled in a Winnebago County school.
2. Must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
3. Must plan to attend an accredited 2-year junior college or 4-year college or university.
4. **All material must be received by November 25, 2011.**

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

1. Signed, completed application packet. (Pages 5-10)
2. **Official transcript** with class rank and ACT/SAT scores valid through completion of junior year **must accompany the application** (received by **November 25, 2011**).
3. Two letters of recommendation: (a) one can be from the academic setting; (b) the other could be from extra curricular and community involvement.
4. A typewritten essay or personal statement on a topic of choice. (500 words **or fewer**)
5. Signed, completed consent form.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Academic performance based on ACT/SAT scores and high school grades.
2. Extra-curricular activities/employment.
3. Community service.
4. Oral and written communication skills based on personal statement and interview.
5. Two (2) letters of recommendation.

DUE DATE:

1. All information must be received by **November 25, 2011, WITHOUT EXCEPTION.**

Mail completed application and required documentation to:

**Rockford Association for Minority Management
P.O. Box 6703
Rockford, Illinois 61125**



PLEASE CHECK ONE: 2-Year Junior College 4-Year College or University
(Please type or print legibly in ink)

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE: HOME CELL E-MAIL ADDRESS

PREFERRED METHOD OF CONTACT: HOME CELL E-MAIL

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE COUNSELOR COUNSELOR'S PHONE #

PARENT OR GUARDIAN ADDRESS PHONE

PARENT(S) PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

PARENT(S) WORK ADDRESS & PHONE

List the courses taken and the grades received for the junior and senior years of high school. If you do not know your grades for courses you are currently taking, approximate a grade based on test scores. -

TEST SCORES: ACT (Composite) SAT (Composite) Date

RETAKE: Yes Date No

JUNIOR COURSES	GRADES	SENIOR COURSES	GRADES

CLASS RANK DATE: CUMULATIVE GPA DATE:

PLANNED COLLEGE MAJOR AND/OR CAREER GOAL

LIST TWO SCHOOLS YOU ARE CONSIDERING

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LIST OF COMMUNITY/CIVIC ACTIVITIES, ACADEMIC AWARDS OR EMPLOYMENT

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES -- past and present. Include organizations and activities both in and out of school. Provide supplemental sheet if necessary.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Scholarships, grants, and any academic or community awards you have received.

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

EMPLOYMENT -- start with most recent date employed.

Dates of Employment	Name and address of employer:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Indicate your career choices:

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
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List the names (and titles if appropriate) of individuals other than relatives who will provide recommendations on your behalf.

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| 1. _____ | 3. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 4. _____ |

Applicant's Signature **Date / /11**

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Please submit a typewritten essay or personal statement in the space provided, or on a separate piece of paper, on a topic of your choice. **Reminder:** 500 words or fewer.

Applicant: _____

Topic: _____

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION #1

Applicant _____

Person recommending student:

Title or Relationship

Please submit on a separate sheet, a typewritten, candid assessment of the student's academic, extra-curricular, and/or community involvement activities. Any information provided will be held in strictest confidence. Please return your response to the student or mail to the address below:

This recommendation must be received by November 25, 2011.

**Rockford Association for Minority Management
P.O. Box 6703
Rockford, IL 61125**

Attention: Scholarship Chairperson

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION #2

Student's Name _____

Person recommending student:

Title or Relationship

Please submit on a separate sheet a typewritten, candid assessment of the student's academic, extra-curricular and/or community involvement activities. Any information provided will be held in strictest confidence. Please return your response to the student or mail to the address below:

This recommendation must be received by November 25, 2011.

**Rockford Association for Minority Management
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Rockford, IL 61125**

Attention: Scholarship Chairperson

CONSENT FORM

I want to be considered for additional funds from outside sources that may become available to RAMM scholarship applicants.

YES NO

If yes, parent/guardian must sign the following authorization.

I hereby authorize RAMM to provide the information that is contained in this application to other scholarship sources.

Print Student's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student's Signature

All applicants must complete the following:

I, _____, agree do not agree to allow RAMM to use my likeness (photo/interview video) for the RAMM Scholarship Committee review process and/or the RAMM Scholarship Program and presentations.

Please print parent / guardian name(s) as you would like them to be announced at the RAMM Scholarship Banquet. (You may list both parents if desired.)

Parent / guardian name

Parent / guardian name
