

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER URBAN LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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The University of Rochester Urban League Scholarship program began in 1983 with the Rochester Urban League Black Scholars Program and has been offered nationally since 1984. This is a tangible example of the University's commitment to provide educational opportunities to talented young people who may have been previously discouraged or disadvantaged from attending a leading university.

Applicants are expected to meet the admission requirements to the University of Rochester which includes a challenging program of study in high school. The average SAT scores have been in the 620 - 740 range and the average composite score on the ACT exam is 28 – 32. In addition to the academic criteria, applicants should also demonstrate financial need, community involvement and a commitment to the mission and values of the Urban League.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Who may apply for the scholarship?**
High school seniors who have applied or intend to apply to the University of Rochester.
- 2. How do I apply for the scholarship?**
Complete the attached application form and submit it to the closest Urban League affiliate office. To find the Urban League location closest to you visit - <http://www.nul.org/affiliatelistings.html>
- 3. What else do I need to submit?**
In addition to the application form, each applicant must also submit the required essay, resume, a letter of recommendation and a copy of the transcript, if available. This scholarship is also based on financial need, so all applicants must also have applied for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and submitted the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile via www.collegeboard.com.
- 4. What happens after I submit my application?**
 - Each submitted application will be checked to verify correct completion
 - Selected applicants are scheduled for an interview with the Urban League
 - Nominees for the scholarship are submitted to the University of Rochester for final selection
 - Awardees will be notified soon after they receive an admission decision, which is usually in March.
- 5. How many scholarships are available?**
There are approximately 100 scholarships available nationwide. Since the program's inception in 1983, more than 500 scholarships have been awarded
- 6. What is the value of each scholarship?**
Each scholarship is valued at \$20,000 per year.
- 7. What is the deadline to apply for the scholarship?**
Scholarship applications must be submitted to Urban League offices by January 10. Urban League affiliates must submit their nominees to the University of Rochester by February 1.
- 8. Can the scholarship be used at any college/university?**
The scholarship is only applicable at the University of Rochester and is not transferable.

SCHOOL & TESTING INFORMATION

Please provide the information requested below. If possible, attach a copy of your transcript.

Test Scores

SAT I Test Date Verbal Math

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ACT Test Date Composite Score

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Class Rank out of graduating seniors

GPA using a scale

Anticipated Graduation date Month Year

Please review all of your responses and sign your name below. Your signature will confirm that the information provided is accurate and true. Please note if any of the information you have provided is false, the Urban League reserves the right to discard any and/or all of your application.

Print full name

Signature

Date

APPLICATION ESSAY

Attach an essay of no more than 250 words on the topic **“Empowerment from within”**.

RECOMMENDATIONS

A letter of recommendation is required to support your application. The recommendation should be from either an instructor or school official who is familiar with your academic work or an adult (*non-relative*) who can give a personal reference of you. Please attach the recommendation to your application and **use the statement of recommendation provided with this application.**

RESUME

Using an acceptable format, prepare and attach a resume outlining your academic achievement, awards, honors, recognition, community service projects or community involvement activity, work experience, and all extra-curricular activities.

