High School Awards & Counselor Programs
Thank You.

The Office of Admissions couldn’t do what it does from year to year without your collaboration and connections with us. Great students come to the University of Rochester because of the great work you do in guiding your students on their paths to college.

We hope you’ll find this publication helpful in learning more about how we interact with school counselors, events on and off campus, and our annual High School Awards Program.

For much more information, visit enrollment.rochester.edu/counselors.
About Rochester

The University of Rochester is one of the country’s leading private research universities. Rochester operates on a personal scale, creating exceptional opportunities for interdisciplinary study and close work with faculty.

Rochester believes that excellence requires freedom. The Rochester Curriculum is one-of-a-kind, inviting students to learn what they love, allowing for both focus and flexibility. There are no required subjects; students’ interests drive their education.

The expectation is that each student will live up to the University’s motto, “Meliora” (ever better), recognizing that they are future leaders in industry, education, and culture. Navigating through world-renowned facilities and resources, a day in the life of two Rochester students—or any two days in the life of a single student—is never the same.
Counselor Programs
on the University of Rochester Campus

Secondary School Issues Conference (SSIC)
The University of Rochester’s annual Secondary School Issues Conference is a professional conference where you will hear thought-provoking speakers and express your views on issues related to secondary school education and college counseling. More than merely a college visit, this event is aimed at looking at the bigger picture and is typically held each year in May.

Spotlight on Application Review (SOAR)
This program offers local counselors in the upstate NY area an opportunity to visit campus and take a sneak peek inside Rochester’s holistic application review process by taking part in mock admissions committee review and engaging in related discussions.
Counselor Tours

Colleges of Rochester Tour (CORT)
Join us during Western New York’s spectacular fall season as we guide you through the region to visit some of the state’s finest colleges and universities. The tour includes stops at Nazareth College, Rochester Institute of Technology, SUNY Geneseo, and the University of Rochester.

Upstate New York Counselor Tour
Another fall opportunity to visit Rochester along with several other upstate NY colleges and universities including Union College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Syracuse University, Ithaca College, Rochester Institute of Technology, and the University of Rochester.

Upstate New York Overseas Counselor Tour
This summer, week-long tour welcomes counselors from outside the US to visit ten colleges and universities all over upstate New York. This tour includes stops at Colgate University, Hamilton College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Ithaca College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology, Skidmore College, Syracuse University, Union College, and the University of Rochester.

For more information about any of Rochester Counselor Programs or Tours, please contact the School Relations Coordinator, at counselorprograms@admissions.rochester.edu
High School Awards Program

Since 1933, the University of Rochester’s High School Awards program has collaborated with high schools around the world to recognize their most talented students.

Each year, the University offers four awards to recognize over 5,000 outstanding high school juniors in the fields of community action, leadership, science, and technology.

Through the program’s rich 80+ year history, countless award winners have entered Rochester as members of this proud tradition, conducting research as early as freshman year, and ultimately becoming innovators in their respective fields.

Award recipients who apply to the University will have their application fee waived and will be considered for the scholarship that corresponds with their award. Scholarship amounts range from $10,000 to $20,000 per year for four years.
Nominating & Deadlines

- Each school may nominate one junior for each award.
- Multiple awards may not be given to the same student.
- Nomination forms are available online at enrollment.rochester.edu/hsawards.
- The final deadline for nominations is June 15.

For awards to be delivered in time for spring awards ceremonies, there is a priority deadline of March 15 that should be met. All award packets will be mailed directly to the award nominator at their high school.

High School Award Recognition Scholarships

To be considered for these scholarships, students must first apply for admission to the University. Upon application for admission, High School Award winners are automatically considered for the respective scholarship. Selection for these scholarships is competitive and is based upon the overall strength of the student’s application for admission. The student’s intended major is not a factor in the selection process.

- The High School Award Scholarships are only applicable at the University of Rochester; they are not transferable to another institution.
- There is no limit to the number of students worldwide who may receive these scholarships.
- Award winners will be considered for the scholarship in the year of their graduation from high school.
- Scholarship eligibility is limited to full-time freshmen entering the College; a student transferring from another institution of higher education is not eligible.
- If an award winner decides not to apply to the University of Rochester, the high school cannot designate an alternate award winner.
High School Awards

The relative weighting of award criteria is left to the discretion of the faculty at the individual high school, but all criteria for the award should be taken into consideration.

Bausch + Lomb Honorary Science Award

Award Criteria
- High achievement and rigor in science classes
- High math scores on the PSAT and/or SAT

Founded in Rochester in 1835, Bausch + Lomb is the preeminent global technology-based healthcare company for the eye. What began as a small optical shop has grown to employ approximately 13,000 people worldwide, with products available in more than 100 countries.

Like Bausch + Lomb, the University has a proud history of innovation. At Rochester, the sciences mean much more than technological growth; they symbolize our commitment to discovery, analytical thought, and progress. We’re excited to welcome students to our community who share this vision of advancing education and exploration.
**Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award**

**Award Criteria**

- A demonstrated commitment to understanding and addressing difficult social issues
- Leadership and a dedication to community action
- Strong grades and rigorous courses taken in the humanities and social sciences

*Rochester natives Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony led the fight to end inequalities, through dialogue and action. The University is proud to continue the tradition of these pioneers through extensive research and study devoted to social justice and human rights. We hope winners of this award will add to our initiatives by continuing the work they’ve begun in high school on our campus and in our community.*
George Eastman Young Leaders Award

Award Criteria
• Strong leadership experience at school and in the community
• High grades and challenging courses
• Extensive involvement in extracurricular activities

In founding the Eastman Kodak Company, George Eastman’s goal was to make the camera “as convenient as a pencil.” By the end of his life, he had created one of the largest and most successful companies in America. Eastman’s leadership lives on today through Kodak and through his philanthropy, including a gift of over $50 million that helped transform the University of Rochester into an internationally celebrated institution.

The George Eastman Young Leaders Award seeks to recognize future leaders who may have a similar impact on our world today.
**Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology**

**Award Criteria**

- A strong interest in innovation and/or information technology, and a high level of achievement in this area

- Exposure to new technologies outside of school, such as pursuing serious work opportunities in local laboratories or industry

- Leading other students to new approaches to old problems; business plans for fundraising; innovative community service; after-school activities; and best uses of communications tools such as chat and blogs

Founded in Rochester in 1906, the Xerox Corporation took a chance on electrophotography, a technology few others believed had any potential. Today, as one of the world’s top technology pioneers, Xerox operates research and technology centers in the United States, Canada, and Europe, conducting work in color science, computing, and other disciplines related to printing and document management.

The University of Rochester is alma mater to Xerox’s visionary founding chief executive, Joseph C. Wilson. In a partnership of nearly half a century, the University and Xerox have both been at the forefront of some of the most important developments of the Information Age. The Xerox Award recognizes students who share in the pursuit of innovative approaches and appreciation for the possibilities of technology.
Additional Information

More information on many issues important to our secondary school counseling colleagues can be found on the School Counselors website: enrollment.rochester.edu/counselors

Additionally, you can view the most recent edition of our biannual Counselor Newsletter and get the contact information for the admissions representative for your high school by clicking the “Meet Your Counselor” link.
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