



# Richland County Education Association-Retired

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026**

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***Submission Deadline: April 24, 2026***

### **TO APPLICANT:**

Thank you for your interest in the profession of education. As you are aware, it is one of the most important global professions. Our organization is committed to encouraging students who are preparing for careers in education. The provision of funds for this scholarship is an ongoing activity of our association. Listed below is important information about the RCEA-R Scholarship.

### **SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION**

The RCEA-R Scholarship is a one-time scholarship totaling \$2,000.00 awarded to a student who is pursuing an undergraduate degree in education.

### **INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Residency in Richland County, South Carolina.
2. Adequate progress toward the SC High School Diploma to be awarded at graduation ceremonies in May/June 2026.
3. An official acceptance to a South Carolina college or university (public or private).
4. A plan to pursue a major in education.
5. A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
6. A record of participation in school, community, and/or public service activities while in high school (grades 9-12).

### **COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET CONTENTS**

1. Completed RCEA-R application form
2. Official Parchment high school transcript
3. SAT or ACT test scores (optional)
4. A copy of an official letter of acceptance from a South Carolina college or university (public or private)
5. Two letters of recommendation, one from a high school teacher in a recent core curriculum course and one from a school counselor, teacher, administrator, activity advisor, or coach (no relatives, please)
6. Essay addressing the following topic: **“Your need for the RCEA-R Scholarship and how receiving this scholarship will support your goal of becoming a teacher and making a positive difference in education.”** The essay must be **double-spaced, 350–500 words**, and typed in **Times New Roman** font.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Be sure to complete your application in its entirety. For ease of completion, it is a fillable application but a printed copy with original signatures can be submitted to the committee.

Be sure to upload all the above Application Packet Contents items. (Incomplete applications will not be considered.)

Upload your application packet in the 1-6 order listed above.

Applications have an upload deadline of April 24, 2026, or earlier. Late applications will not be considered.

Upload your completed application packet to: <https://forms.gle/nUVYLVeCxgjEzuhS9>



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## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET NUMBER AND NAME CITY STATE AND ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL NAME/ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES FOR 2025-26 \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional:**

SAT SCORES \_\_\_\_\_ ACT SCORES \_\_\_\_\_  
HIGHEST V M TOTAL DATE COMPOSITE DATE

CURRICULUM (CHECK ALL COURSE LEVELS YOU HAVE TAKEN \_\_\_ COLLEGE PREP \_\_\_ HONORS  
\_\_\_ AP \_\_\_ IB OTHERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S NAME

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GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE

GIVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION OF YOUR NEED FOR THE RCEA-R SCHOLARSHIP

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**MAJOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

(Attach additional page if needed)

**YEARS OF PARTICIPATION**

GRADES 9 10 11 12

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**POSITIONS, HONORS AND AWARDS** (Attach additional page if needed)

POSITION	ORGANIZATION	YEARS

**COMMUNITY OR OTHER ACTIVITIES** (Attach additional page if needed)

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WORK ACTIVITIES: ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, WHAT TYPE OF WORK AND HOW MANY HOURS PER WEEK \_\_\_\_\_

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____	DATE _____	PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____	DATE _____
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