



## **Rzeznik Family Continuing Education Scholarship Application Form 2017**

Each year the Wixom Community Foundation will offer one or more scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The scholarship monies can be used for tuition, books and classroom materials for any qualified institute of higher learning. The awards are determined on a competitive basis and require the submission of an essay and a completed application. Applicants must be current residents of the City of Wixom and have resided here for at least 2 years. The deadline for applications is **May 15, 2017**.

**AWARD: \$1,000 per scholarship**

**ESSAY:** Applicants must write and submit a 500 word essay in MLA (Modern Language Association) format on the topic provided. For more information go to [www.MLA.org](http://www.MLA.org). Essays will be judged by a panel and selected based on creativity, adherence to the essay topic and technical merit. Many essay writing guides exist to help students through this process. Only one essay per applicant will be accepted.

### **ESSAY TOPIC:**

**Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?**

This topic requires you to speak passionately about beliefs and ideology, which are often onerous topics that can be difficult to mold into a compact story. Try to steer your essay in a positive, productive direction without traveling into preachy, overly didactic territory. Some questions to consider answering in your essay:

- When has your opinion been unpopular?
- Why are you the kind of person who is willing to stand up for what you believe in?
- What is important to you on a fundamental level of morals and values?

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** A letter of recommendation from a current or past instructor, administrator, community or church leader familiar with your qualifications and character should be included with the application.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM:** The applicant's contributions to community service and volunteerism will be a large part of the selection criteria. Make sure to list all of your activities including one-day events.

**TRANSCRIPT(S):** Copies of your official high school transcripts should be submitted with the application.

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**Deadline: May 15, 2017**

Please type or print application:

**Personal Information**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, St, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Information**

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of educational institute you plan on attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**List: Special Achievements, Honors and Recognition:**

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**List: Extra Curricular Activities / Community Involvement / Employment:**

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**Complete Checklist:** (all items must be in one packet)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Completed Application Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Five Hundred (500) word essay in MLA format (Modern Language Association)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Letter of Recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) High School Transcript

**MAILING ADDRESS**

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