



River Bend Community Unit School District #2

Where Everybody is Somebody

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---- RALPH F. SCHEPLER SCHOLARSHIP ----

1. Awarded to two (2) seniors this year.
2. Students must demonstrate a need of financial assistance. Documentation is required, see attached information.
3. Student must plan to attend a recognized and accredited college or university and be seeking credits for an Associate's Degree leading to a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree. Trade school programs, pre-professional 2-year certificate programs and on-line programs do not qualify for this scholarship award. The student must be enrolled as a full-time student.
4. Yearly renewal is contingent upon maintaining full-time student status. The maximum scholarship is for four (4) years. Official transcripts of classes completed/hours earned must be submitted before each renewal is granted.
5. Yearly award not to exceed \$2,000.
6. Scholarship money is awarded upon submission to the River Bend School District Office an official written registration from the accredited college or university in which the student is enrolled. Official registration for the second, third, and fourth year awards must be submitted with the transcripts required for yearly renewal; item 4 above. The money is awarded to the student, not the college or university.



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APPLICATION

The applicant must:

1. Provide a letter of request for the scholarship stating how the scholarship will be used, what career/professional goals you have, and how you will contribute to society in the future. In a separate paragraph include your family's history; including number of brothers and sisters currently in school, those currently attending institutions of higher learning and those who are working or have graduated. In an additional paragraph, tell about any work experience(s) you have had in the past two years.
2. Provide a listing of your high school activities, awards and/or honors received.
3. Transcript of your high school grades through seven (7) semesters.
4. Required Financial Need Documentation:
 - A. The Schepler Scholarship application **MUST INCLUDE** a signed copy of the **current** Federal Individual Income Tax Form 1040 (tax year 2024) which lists the taxpayer(s) who **claim(s)** the student as a dependent/exemption.

If Form 1040 is used by the taxpayer, you **MUST INCLUDE** pages 1 and 2 with your application, if Form 1040 A is used by the taxpayer, you **MUST INCLUDE** pages 1 and 2 with your application, if Form 1040EZ is used by the taxpayer, you **MUST INCLUDE** page 1 with your application. The signature of the taxpayer(s) **MUST** be included on the 1040 Form.
 - B. If the student files an individual tax form, that IRS form **MUST** be submitted as well.
5. The application for the Schepler Scholarship must be in typewritten form, bound or in a folder and submitted to the Board of Education by **March 27, 2026**, (drop off at the River Bend District Office, 1110 3rd Street, Fulton IL 61252).

THE INFORMATION YOU INCLUDE IN THE SCHEPLER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS CONFIDENTIAL.

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