







## Richardson Scholar Awards – Supplemental Requirements

Must be uploaded to application system by those applying for the Richardson Scholar Award in addition to all other application materials

Note: Students completing the Richardson Scholar application requirements will also be considered for our other most highly competitive awards. Richardson applicants not selected will also be automatically considered for all other awards.

-  3.5 Unweighted GPA\*
-  1340 SAT (reading/writing + math) or 29 ACT\*
-  Bright Futures Registration and Academic Scholar Qualification\*
-  Two Essays – Leadership and Service
-  Two Recommendations
-  Personal Interview (for finalists)

\*While the ideal candidate will have an unweighted grade point average of 3.5 or better and SAT score of at least 1350 (math + reading/writing) or ACT score of 29, and have qualified for Bright Futures Academic, Scholarship Foundation considers these and other factors in selecting finalists, including extracurricular activities, community service and/or special projects. If you feel there have been *extraordinary* circumstances which have prevented you from meeting the academic requirements, please consult our office for guidance on whether you may be considered for these awards in spite of not meeting these minimum standards as the Scholarship Committee may make exceptions for very unusual circumstances.

The motto of the Richardson Scholar program is “To Learn, To Lead, To Serve.” Applicants for the Richardson Scholar Award and those who wish to be considered for other highly competitive awards must upload the following **supplemental materials** by the Full Application deadline February 9, 2024.

### Two Essays:

**Leadership Excellence.** Please also choose **ONE** of the quotes below and write an essay of 500 words or less discussing on how the quote relates to a specific situation or event from your own experience. If needed, explain how you would modify the quote to better fit what you learned from the experience. Be sure to use specific examples in your essay. Save your document to pdf form and upload where requested into our Application Portal.

*“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.”* John Quincy Adams

*“The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can’t blow an uncertain trumpet.”* Theodore M. Hesburgh

**Service Excellence.** We will review your Activities Resume. Please also write a short essay of 200 words or less describing your most meaningful volunteer experience during high school and what you learned from it. Save your document in pdf form and upload where requested into our Application Portal.

**Two Recommendations.** You must provide **two Recommendations, one from a teacher or school academic advisor and one from an individual in the community** (an employer, pastor, volunteer activity administrator, mentor, etc.) who can talk about your participation in community activities. You will request this recommendation through our Application Portal, and your recommender will submit their reference via the Portal. You will be able to monitor whether the individual has provided the reference. We will not be able to consider you for a Richardson Award if we do not receive the recommendations by the Application Deadline of February 9, 2024. See the next page for the text we will send the person you ask to prepare a recommendation.

**This is the text of the email that will be sent to the recommender’s you identify as those you wish to provide a Richardson Recommendation for you.**

**This is the text of the email that will be sent by the system to the Richardson recommenders you identify in the Richardson Recommendation Request stage – you do not need to send to your recommenders**

### **Richardson Scholar Recommendation Request**

*[System will enter your name]* has applied for the Richardson Scholar Award and may be considered for other highly competitive awards which are administered through Scholarship Foundation of Indian River County. These 4-year scholarships of up to \$7,500 per year will be awarded to students with financial need who excel in academics, leadership and service. As part of the application process, we require two recommendations for each applicant, one from a teacher or school advisor and one from an individual in the community. The student has listed you as one of those who have agreed to write a recommendation as a:

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/School Advisor      \_\_\_\_\_ Individual in the Community

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- **Please provide us with a one-page letter candidly assessing how well you think the applicant demonstrates this philosophy in his or her life.**
- **Please let us know your relationship to the applicant and how long you have known him or her.**
- **Since we have many qualified applicants for these awards, please help us understand how this candidate compares to other outstanding students you have known.**
- **Please include your name, address, occupation and employer and daytime telephone number.**

**Please upload your recommendation at the link below in this email. All recommendations must be in our office by Friday, February 9, 2024** in order for the applicant to be considered for this award.

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**Thank you for your help!**