







Richardson Scholar Awards – Supplemental Requirements

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

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***
-  **1330 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 awards with a merit component must submit the following supplemental materials by February 3, 2023. Be sure your name is on all pages of your submission.

Academic Excellence. We will review your academic resume [Form 1d], which all candidates must submit as part of Part II requirements. Be sure to include your scores on any AP or IB tests you have already taken so we can properly evaluate your performance.

Leadership Excellence. Choose **ONE** of the quotes below and submit a typed/word-processed essay of 500 words or less discussing 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.

“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. Please attach a typed/word-processed essay of 200 words or less describing your most meaningful volunteer experience during high school and what you learned from it.

Two Recommendations. Please ask **two** references to provide **Recommendations** for you. One must be 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. Photocopy the attached request form to provide it to reference. On the form, **check** whether the reference is from a **teacher/school advisor** or an **individual from the community**.

Ask the reference to **give you the recommendation in a sealed envelope to turn in with your** Richardson supplemental materials. Be sure to follow up with your references to make sure they are able to meet our deadline. We will not be able to consider you for a Richardson if your recommendations are not in our office by February 3.



Richardson Scholar Recommendation Request

_____ 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 **put your recommendation in a sealed envelope** and **give to the applicant** to bring in with the rest of the Part Two materials. All **recommendations must be in our office by Friday, February 3, 2023** in order for the applicant to be considered for this award.

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Thank you for your help!