



Republican Club of Okaloosa County (RCOC)
PO Box 5084
Ft Walton Beach, FL 32549-5084

JERRY MELVIN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

2023-2024 School Year

DEADLINE April 16, 2024

FULL LEGAL NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

DATE of submittal:

Contact Phone No.:

Is this a parent's number? Y or N If not your personal no., then whose?

CURRENT SCHOOL:

GRADUATION DATE:

NAME OF COLLEGE OR OTHER SCHOOL YOU WILL BE ATTENDING:

Are you Registered as, or PRE-Registered as, or intend to be REPUBLICAN:

VOTER REGISTRATION# or PRE-REGISTRATION #:

Questions: Please fully answer each of the following questions in 3 to 5 complete sentences. (Answer these questions on a separate page preceeded by the Question number.)

1. Explain why you feel aligned with the Republican Party.
2. What are your views concerning our current immigration policies and practices; including the conditions on our southern border and which policies have impacted them?
3. Have societal changes contributed to the mental and emotional state of your peers in the U.S.A. today? If so, how?
4. What are your plans for continuing your education? You may also include your intended course of study.

Essay

In an essay between 500 and 1,000 words, write about the following topic:

Given the opportunity to make a significant impact, how would **you** overcome our country's current intense political division? Include a time frame for making progress.

QUESTION ANSWERS AND ESSAY TO BE ATTACHED AFTER THIS PAGE.



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1. The RCOC is offering a one-time \$1,000.00 scholarship to one graduating high school senior who either registered Republican, pre-registered Republican, or who intends to become a member of the Republican Party. *(Note: You can pre-register as an Okaloosa County voter and select a political party at the time you get your driver's license in Florida.)*
2. This scholarship is open to all students attending Public and Private High Schools in Okaloosa County.
3. **The deadline for the application is Tuesday, APRIL 16th, 2024, 7:00 PM CDT. Completed applications must be emailed to Mary Potthast, co-chair of the scholarship committee, at RCOC_Scholarship@yahoo.com.**
DO NOT SEND BY U.S. POSTAL MAIL.
The application is complete with Essay and Question answers, and scanned accompanying materials (.pdf preferred), including acceptance correspondence(s) and "proof of GPA" transcript (edit to hide SS# or other non-academic personal information). The application must be emailed to this account ONLY, and not to personal email accounts. (Personal email(s) listed herein are added for informal questions of clarification.)
4. This scholarship is NOT based on financial need but is primarily an essay contest. It is available to students pursuing a 2 year or 4-year degree, including trade schools. Proof of acceptance or pending application to attend college, university, or trade school to be provided with application.
5. Applicants must have an unweighted 3.5 GPA or higher and submit their official schedule/transcript for the 2023- 2024 school year with their completed scholarship application. Applicants: PLEASE ask your guidance counselors to omit your social security number from your transcript. *(RCOC will also be asking the school counselors to do the same.)*



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6. Completed applications include the RCOC application as a first page with the essay and every question answered fully. (It is acceptable, but not required, to send this page as a separate file from the essay and question responses.) Incomplete applications will automatically be disqualified. Proper grammar, spelling, vocabulary and writing skills will factor into the scoring of your application.
7. The RCOC scholarship committee will review all fully completed applications after the deadline and determine finalists, for in-person interviews. Please provide a reliable contact phone no. on the application.
8. **The selected finalists will be notified on or before Monday, April 22, 2024. Projected in-person interviews will be held after class hours either Tuesday April 23rd or Wednesday April 24th, 2024. *NOTE: If you are taking an AP exam at home either of those days, we will accommodate that testing schedule. If you are participating in an approved school function, we will also accommodate that schedule.***
9. The Scholarship winner will be notified within 24 hours of the final interview and publicly announced at the RCOC monthly meeting and dinner scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:30 pm. The winner is invited to attend, with their guest.
10. The RCOC club president or representative may attend the winner's high school Senior/Awards Ceremony and present him or her with the check and award, (pending school guidelines regarding policy or other security rules). Otherwise, the Republican Club will present the award at an alternate public event that the winner may attend.
11. For any questions, call or email co-chair Mary Potthast at mepotthast@yahoo.com or call 850.240.1857. *Please do not use texting.*