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RTA PETER CASTLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Please check one: _____ **General Scholarship**
 _____ **Scott Spino Future Teacher Scholarship**
 _____ **Gordon Dorway Science Award**
 _____ **Ken Silvio Technology Scholarship**

The Rochester Teachers Association, through its Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to needy and deserving college-bound students. Final selections will be based upon academic achievement, financial need, character and leadership ability.

SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. **Applicants must possess a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (B) or better.**
2. Applicants must demonstrate need for financial assistance in order to attend college, i.e., 2025 Federal Income Tax or Department of Social Services forms.
3. Applicants must possess definite proof of acceptance in an accredited institution of higher learning (2 or 4 years).
4. Applicants must provide an official transcript from high school, including: senior grades to date, official class rank, grade point average, and college entrance scores (SAT, ACT, Achievement tests, and class rank if available).
5. Applicants must provide three letters of recommendation, with two meeting the following criteria (use the sheets provided in this application):
 - Two recommendations must come from a counselor or senior teacher who can evaluate the student's overall academic performance.
6. The award of \$1,000 will be given in two installments: first, \$500 upon receipt of proof of registration; second, \$500 upon receipt of first semester grade point average of no less than **3.0**.
7. All scholarship material must be submitted together and must be postmarked no later than April 24, 2026.

IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT ALL SCHOLARSHIP MATERIALS REACH THE ROCHESTER TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OFFICE BY THE DEADLINE.

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SECTION II - FINANCIAL INFORMATION: You will need to submit a copy of your Parents 2025 Federal Income Tax or a Department of Social Services Budget Sheet.

1. Gross income, before taxes, of both parents: _____

2. Additional financial support or income: _____

3. Your source of financial support (check all applicable).

Father _____ Mother _____ Other _____

4. Your other source(s) of income:

Social Security (yearly amount) _____

Public Assistance (yearly amount) _____

Other (yearly amount) _____

5. What is your estimate of your financial need for one year in College?
(Include cost of books, tuition, and fees.) _____

6. What will be your main source of financial support while you are in college?

Parents _____ Self _____ Scholarship/Grants _____

If scholarships or grants, please list (example: FAF/TAP, etc.)

SECTION III - EMPLOYMENT

Give employment history as completely as possible beginning with your present or latest employer. Include all part-time and/or summer employment as well as volunteer employment.

1. Employer: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Number of hours per week: _____

Job description: _____

2. Employer: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Number of hours per week: _____

Job description: _____

3. Employer: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Number of hours per week: _____

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SECTION IV - ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

List offices held, honors received or special recognition while you were in high school.

Dates

Activity or Honor

SECTION V - EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Community and/or extracurricular school activities in which you have participated.
(Identify leadership positions).

Dates	Activity	Responsibility

SECTION VI - PERSONAL SKETCH

A. What do you plan to study? (Include circumstances and/or individuals who have influenced you – you may use additional paper)

B. What are your long-range career and personal goals?

C. Why do you feel you should receive this scholarship?

D. Comment on how your family's financial situation qualifies you for this scholarship:

SECTION VII - CONCLUSION

1. I will be available for an interview, if necessary.

Yes _____ No _____

2. I assume complete responsibility for the accuracy of this information stated in this application.

(Signature) (Date)

Deadline: This application should be postmarked no later than midnight **April 24, 2026**, and returned to:

Rochester Teachers Association
Attention: Scholarship Committee
30 N. Union Street, Suite 301
Rochester, New York 14607

STUDENT CHECKLIST

Have you included all of the following information:

- _____ A completed application.
- _____ Proof of acceptance at an accredited institution of higher learning.
- _____ At least three letters of recommendation. Two recommendations must come from a counselor or senior teacher who can evaluate the student's overall academic performance.
- _____ An official high school transcript showing grade point average and official class rank and SAT scores.
- _____ A copy of first semester report card showing senior grades to date.
- _____ Enough financial information to indicate need.
- _____ Copy of Federal Income Tax Form or Department of Social Services Budget Sheet.

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Name of Student asking for recommendation: _____

NAME: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT: _____

State your impression of this student by giving specific examples in each of these categories: academic achievement, character, leadership ability, and other information.

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