



Scholarship Application

Partners in Belonging

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **March 31, 2020**.
2. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
4. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you and will not be considered.
5. If you have any questions about the application, please call Gail Acosta, Executive Director, 215-944-1023 or by email at gacosta@crsd.org

PURPOSE The Partners in Belonging was established in 2019 inspired by Joe Landis, a visionary who dedicated his life's work to serving individuals with special needs. Through his vision, he developed a holistic model of care—the Belonging Model—based on companionship, caring for mind, body and spirit, appreciating the enthusiastic gifts of all people and membership in community. The mission of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a CRHS – North or South senior(s) seeking a 4-year undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university. Preference will be given to students who intend to major in the areas of special education and human services. The scholarship principally targets students that demonstrate leadership, social activism and civic engagement in the area of special education and human services.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE is based on financial need, academic performance, demonstrated leadership, and engagement in social and civic programs including, but not limited to, community service.

Scholarships are awarded annually provided funds are available. Annual award amount up to \$500 (i.e. 2 awards for \$250 or 1 award of \$500 each). The scholarships are a one-year, non-renewable award.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Council Rock Education Foundation (CREF) awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, Social Activism, References, Personal Essay and Financial Need. CREF pays scholarship funds directly to the awardees designated higher education institution of their choice to be applied to the Fall semester of 2019. Scholarships are awarded annually and are not renewable. CREF Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

CRITERIA

- Applicants must be CRHS-North or South seniors in good standing for with a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applicants must graduate and be accepted as a full-time student at a college or university for the upcoming Fall semester
- Applicants should demonstrate special needs involvement with preference given to leadership roles in activities including, but not limited to: - Special Olympics, service groups, volunteer activities and work related.

TIMELINE

- Applications are due March 31 of the applicant's senior year
- Candidates may be asked for an interview by the Scholarship Committee conducted in early April.
- Awardee(s) will receive notification of the award at Senior Awards night in June.

Application Process

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form.
- Official transcript including senior year grades.
- Two teacher letters of recommendation and guidance counselor letter of recommendation. These can be the same recommendation letters used in the Common Application that were submitted via Naviance.
- A 500-word essay addressing the following areas:
 - Describe how this scholarship will help meet your educational and career goals.
 - Discuss your anticipated areas of study and why you are choosing this direction.
 - Describe your determination and dedication to achieving your social, civic and educational objectives.
- Up-to-date Resume outlining all activities, honors, awards, employment, etc.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Awards will be paid by July 31, 2020 directly to the awardee's institution, provided the following criteria are met after graduation:

- Final year-end transcript showing candidate has graduated high school
- Proof of acceptance to study a 4-year undergraduate degree at an accredited college or university
- Applicant must provide their college student ID and the correct mailing address of their institution's Financial Aid Office where the scholarship check is to be remitted

Please mail OR submit application in person to:

**Partners in Belonging
Council Rock Education Foundation
Attn: Gail Acosta
30 N. Chancellor Street
Newtown, PA 18940**

Application 2020-must be filled out by applicant.

Please type on a separate sheet or print your answers below. If application is illegible, it will be returned to you.			
1	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Last Name:</td> <td>First Name:</td> </tr> </table>	Last Name:	First Name:
Last Name:	First Name:		
2	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____		
3	Student's mobile phone number: () Email address: _____		
4	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>High School Attended:</td> <td>Number of years attended HS:</td> </tr> </table>	High School Attended:	Number of years attended HS:
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5	I plan on attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2020</u> : _____ If applicable, please list all colleges that you have been accepted by at the time of this application		
6	If applicable, please list other siblings currently attending college. List name, school of attendance and their current year (freshman, sophomore, etc.).		
7	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On an unweighted 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA; your most recent official school transcript required.		
8	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Use reverse side of application if you need more space. Name (s) _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____		

9	What specialty/major do you plan to major in as you continue your education?
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Please list the following information on a separate sheet if needed.

10	SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
11	ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.
12	RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.
13	CAREER PLANS: What are your career plans and what would you like to be doing in 10 years?
14	SOCIAL ACTIVISM AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: Please list examples of any social or civic endeavors you are currently or have previously participated in. Note leadership roles and dates.

<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application</p> <p>C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>		
YES	NO	<p>Official Transcripts and Reference Letters submitted directly to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Partners in Belonging Council Rock Education Foundation Attn: Gail Acosta 30 N. Chancellor Street Newtown, PA 18940</p>
YES	NO	<p>Essay. A 500-word essay addressing the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how this scholarship will help meet your educational and career goals. • Discuss your anticipated areas of study and why you are choosing this direction. • Describe your determination and dedication to achieving your social, civic and educational objectives.
YES	NO	Current Resume
YES	NO	Answers to questions 1-14

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Council Rock Education Foundation Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Partners in Belonging.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

The deadline for this application to be received by the Council Rock Education Foundation is March 31, 2020.