



Friends of the Royals Community Ambassador Scholarship

Students who are graduating from Riverview High School and entering a recognized post-secondary institution in the same calendar year will be invited to compete for this scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. This award intends to go towards tuition.

Students are invited to submit a maximum 500-word essay to the Friends of the Royals by email to scholarship@friendsoftheroyals.com along with supporting references (minimum of 1, maximum of 3). Please include your full name, address, and contact information.

Essay Component

The essay component should include:

1. The activities that did not involve a charity or non-profit you did that were beyond the normal expectations of a student that benefited other students in the high school or community at large, whether it made a major impact on a few people or made a minor impact on a lot of people. (Examples could include coaching a team, tutoring, organizing an event, etc.)
 - a. If it was a group effort, describe what role you took in the group and how much time, effort or skill you contributed.
 - b. The outcome of your efforts both for you and for the community.
2. Any volunteerism or fundraising for a charity or non-profit organization.
3. Instances where you have shown empathy, respect, and kindness in your daily life and through community work.

Example essay framework:

I am a member of the high school chess club, and I noticed that the chess boards were getting old and falling apart, so I organized a fundraiser to buy new ones for the club. The first step was getting permission from the principal. *Continue on to describe why the chess club is important to you and what skills you develop or benefit from.*

I am passionate about chess, so I also volunteered with the Boys & Girls Club to sell cupcakes at lunch for a month to raise funds to donate chessboards to their organization. *Continue to describe the time you dedicated to organizing, baking and selling the cupcakes, and purchasing new chess boards.*

I learned a lot along the way. *Describe your successes and things you would do differently if you did it again.*

Giving to the community is important because... *describe the benefit to you and others. Here is how I showed kindness (give examples).*

References Component

Applicants must submit at least one written reference, and up to a maximum of three references, that support claims made in the essay component. As an example, if the applicant claims to have volunteered every Friday at the animal shelter, a letter from the shelter on official letterhead stating that they volunteered every Friday and the impact the student had would be an acceptable reference.

Competition Deadline

Submit your essay and references to scholarship@friendsoftheroyals.com by May 15th, 2026.

Note: Acceptance at a recognized post-secondary institution is not required at the time of award application but the successful recipient will need to show proof of enrollment that includes a student number at the post-secondary institution before the calendar year-end to receive the award. A cheque will then be sent to the institution as a credit toward tuition.

Adjudication / Scoring

A panel of three members of the Friends of the Royals in good standing will be appointed each year to review the scholarship submissions. The panel members must not be related to each other or hold any conflict of interest with an applicant or the application process.

The adjudicators will assess the applications and remove any that do not meet all the requirements or are not in good standing with the school.

The first round of the evaluation will have each application assigned a score based on their merits: 1 (excellent), 2 (moderate), and 3 (poor). Only those rated a 1 (excellent) will move on to the next round.

The adjudicators will then rank each remaining application in order from 1 to the number of remaining applications (in this example we will use 5 applications), with 1 being the top candidate, 2 being the next best, and so on with 5 being the weakest.

Each adjudicator's top ranked candidate will be assigned 1 point, the second 2 points, and so on.

The total aggregate score for each candidate will result in a single ranking; with the lowest score being awarded the scholarship. In the event of a tie for first, the applicants' final grades at the end of their grade twelve first semester will be used as the tiebreaker. In the event of a further tie, the applicants' final grades at the end of grade eleven will be used as the tiebreaker. A transcript of grades may be requested in the event of a tie.

Publication

The Friends of the Royals reserve the right to publish the names of the winner(s) of the scholarship.

Variation of Terms

The Friends of the Royals Corporation may vary these terms of reference within these parameters:

- a. Publish a variation of the award description in these terms of reference and application deadline; and
- b. Will be in keeping, as far as possible, with the spirit of the award.

TO EVIDENCE the terms of the award, the following have executed these terms of reference on the date(s) appearing below.

Signature

Sean Rollo
President
Friends of the Royals Corporation

Date