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The Center for Rural Dev

Rogers Scholars Application

Thank you for your interest in the Rogers Scholars Program. <mark>2020 Application will not be active until November 1, 2019. The deadline for the application will be January 24, 2020 at midnight.</mark>

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, the student must:

- Be a current sophomore at a high school located within the 45-county service area of The Center for Rural Development**.** The forty-five county service area consists of the following Kentucky counties: **Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Taylor, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.**
- Have a strong interest in developing skills in leadership, technology, entrepreneurship, and community service.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4 point scale).

Selection Process

A total of 60 students from Southern and Eastern Kentucky are selected to attend the program each year, with 30 attending each of the two weeks. A selection committee consisting of staff from The Center for Rural Development will be established. In order to ensure fairness, applications will be blinded and applicant names removed prior to distributing copies to the selection committee. The committee will review and score all of the applications according to the criteria and point values established for each section. The applicant with the highest score in each county will be selected as that county's representative. After those 45 selections are made, the highest 15 scores of the remaining applicants will also be selected as Rogers Scholars. As a result, some schools and/or counties will have more than one representative.

Every applicant remaining after the first 60 selections will be considered an alternate and will be ranked from the highest to lowest score. If a selected Scholar is unable to attend the program, the alternates will be contacted in order of their rank until the open spot is filled. For this reason, all applicants are encouraged to keep the program dates and the possibility of selection in mind as they make their plans for the summer.

STEP ONE: COMPLETE CHECKLIST

Welcome to the 2020 Rogers Scholars Program Application Homepage! Please read this entire page. Before you move forward, you need to complete the checklist below. If you do not complete the checklist prior to filling out the application, you will have issues. The application is an online form that **CANNOT BE SAVED!** The application page times out after a certain amount of time which may vary depending on the browser you are using. In order to prevent data loss, have everything completed in a word document and be prepared to fill out the application in one sitting.

Please complete the following checklist prior to clicking on the application. Download Checklist Here

- **Personal Information** – name, gender, date of birth, shirt size, email address, two phone numbers, county of residence, address, parent's names, parent's email address, school name, county of school, and preferred camp date:
  - o June 7-12 at Morehead State University
  - o June 21-26 at Lindsey Wilson College
  - o No Preference
- **Extracurricular Activities (30 Points)** – Extracurricular activities are defined as school-related activities that you are part of in addition to your regular classroom work. This includes school sponsored clubs, organizations, associations, programs, and athletic teams. This part is broken down into three categories: Leadership, Technology, & Entrepreneurship. You cannot list more than 10 items in each category.
  - o Leadership-related activities (10 Items maximum)
  - o Technology-related activities (10 Items maximum)
  - o Entrepreneurship-related activities (10 Items maximum)
- **Community Service (25 Points)** – Community service activities are defined as those activities that involve your time and volunteer efforts for a community-related group or project. This includes time you put into helping civic organizations, doing community-related church activities, working as a volunteer, or contributing to other community-minded activities. If you have a leadership position or role in any of the activities, please describe that position/role. Paid positions of employment are NOT considered community service activities.
  - o School Related (12 items maximum)
  - o Non-School Related (12 items maximum)
- **Essay (35 Points)**The Center for Rural Development, KentuckyWired, and various public and private partners expect to complete the statewide broadband project within the next couple of years. This will make it possible for citizens throughout the state of Kentucky to have access to affordable, high-capacity, high-speed broadband. Some areas of Kentucky will even see significant impact in the coming months. Write an essay that answers how having access to quality broadband services will affect your community while focusing on the following topic: **Job Creation**. How would the KentuckyWired project impact job availability and economic development in your county? Give examples of specific jobs or businesses that would benefit from higher quality broadband services. Download Grading Rubric Here
- **Transcript and GPA (10 Points)** – Your official academic transcript including your counselor's contact information and your unweighted GPA.

- **Letters of Recommendation** – You need 3 letters of recommendation. Two letters **HAVE** to come from your school district. One letter **HAS** to come from a member of the community. The letter writer cannot be someone you are related to. While the letters have no point value, you will be deducted 5 points per missing letter.
- **Parental Consent** – You must have parental consent in order to fill out the application.**Once you have checked off all of the previous items, you are ready to fill out the application. The application will be available on November 1, 2019 and will close on January 24th at midnight.**

STEP TWO: CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

Click to Begin Your 2020 Application