



# Ruiz 4 Kids Scholarship Program 2017

**IMPORTANT: Please read the requirements and criteria very carefully. Adhere to ALL requirements to ensure your application will not be disqualified.**

## Requirements

- Fill out application **completely**. **Incomplete and/or hand-written applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.**
- All applications and supporting documentation must be **TYPED**. You may go online to **www.ruiz4kids.org** to type in and print your application.
- Provide **sealed school TRANSCRIPTS** attached to application.
- Submit an **ESSAY** (no more than 2 pages, typed) answering the following questions:
  - What are your academic and personal goals?
  - Why do you deserve a Ruiz 4 Kids scholarship?
  - What obstacles have you had in your life/academic career?
  - What do you anticipate to be your biggest challenge in college?

**NOTE: Applications with essays in excess of two page will be disqualified.**

- Submit **one letter of recommendation** from someone capable of speaking about your learning potential and how you will benefit from this scholarship. **NOTE: Applications containing more than one letter of recommendation will be disqualified.**
- Provide a **one-page resume** attached to the application which includes the following information:
  - Honors/Awards/Scholarships received
  - Leadership Experience
  - Work Experience
  - Extracurricular Activities
  - Community Service

**NOTE: Applications with resumes in excess of one page will be disqualified.**

- Submit a **SHORT ESSAY** elaborating on how items listed in your resume have shaped you and your goals.
- Application **MUST** be signed by applicant and applicant's parent or guardian.

**NOTE: Applications without signatures, or just one signature will be disqualified.**

- Mail application in a large manila envelope. **Do not** fold application or documentation. **Do not** use staples. Paper clips are permissible.
- Completed application and attachments must be postmarked **by March 10, 2017**.
- Enrollment verification documentation will be requested to evidence college enrollment/attendance in order to obtain awarded scholarship.

## Deadline:

March 10, 2017

Complete and print your application online at:  
**www.ruiz4kids.org**

Mail completed application with all attachments to:

Ruiz 4 Kids  
PO BOX 37  
DINUBA CA 93618

## IMPORTANT:

Follow  
Instructions!

## Checklist:

- Complete Application (typed)
- Essay
- One Letter of Recommendation
- One-page Resume
- Short Essay
- Sealed Transcript
- Signatures

## For More Info:

Kathy Topete  
Scholarship Chair  
Ruiz 4 Kids  
kathyt@ruizfoods.com



# Requirements & Criteria 2017

## IMPORTANT TIPS FOR APPLYING:

### EARLY IS REALLY BETTER!!!

Although the deadline date is March 10, 2017—this *does NOT* mean this is the date you submit your application. It means we will not accept applications postmarked *AFTER* this date.

Waiting to submit your application at the last minute leads to mistakes, missing documents, and ups the chances of your application being **REJECTED**. YIKES!!!

### TYPE IT IN

It's so easy. Just go to [www.ruiz4kids.org](http://www.ruiz4kids.org) and open the application. It's in a PDF format, so you can click on the fields and type in your content. Print out your completed form.

### THE ALL-IMPORTANT SIGNATURES

Once you print out your application, be sure your signature and that of one of your parents is at the bottom. A signature is the name of the person written (in pen, please) with his/her own handwriting. If an application is missing one or both of the signatures it will be rejected.

### PLEASE, SAVE THE TREES

There is no need to print out and send copies of these guidelines and criteria with your application packet. Save your paper.

### WHILE YOU ARE AT IT...

...save the staples, too. Please do not staple any of your documents. A paper clip is permissible.

### FLAT, NOT FOLDED

While we realize your official transcripts will be in a sealed envelope from the school, the rest of your documents should be mailed **FLAT**, not folded. The envelope should be large enough so your papers do not need to be folded.

## Applicant Locations

There are specific location requirements for Ruiz 4 Kids Scholarship applicants. Scholarships are only awarded in specific areas in California, Texas and South Carolina where Ruiz Foods has a presence.

### California

Applicants in California must be a high school senior at a high school within a **35-mile radius of Dinuba or Tulare, California.**

### Texas/Oklahoma

Applicants in Texas must be a high school senior at a high school with a **35-mile radius of Denison, Texas.**

### Florence, South Carolina

Applicants in South Carolina must be a high school senior at a high school in **Florence County or Darlington County.**

## Criteria

- Must be a high school senior with a minimum overall **3.0 GPA** if applying to attend a 4-year college/university, and **2.5 GPA** if applying to attend a trade school or community college. (*Official sealed Transcripts required*).
- Participate in extra-curricular activities (*school and/or community related*).
- Must be a full-time student.
- Plan to attend a two or four-year college, or an accredited trade school.
- The number of scholarships awarded and the distribution is determined on a yearly basis.
- Applications must contain **all** required information, application, and attachments.
- Incomplete applications and/or applications without the requested documentation will not be considered.
- All applications must be postmarked by **March 10, 2017**. (**NO EXCEPTIONS**).
- In order for a recipient to claim their award, they must show proof of being a full-time (12 units or more) student at a two or four-year college or accredited trade school for the Fall 2017 or Spring 2018 semester.

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# Ruiz 4 Kids SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2017

Refer to Requirements and Criteria prior to completing your packet. All forms and essays must be typed. This application can be completed online at [www.ruiz4kids.org](http://www.ruiz4kids.org) and then printed. Selection for this scholarship is based on GPA, financial need, and academic excellence. **An overall GPA of 3.0 is required for those wanting to attend a 4-year college/university. A GPA of 2.5 is required for those wanting to attend a trade school or community college.** Incomplete applications, handwritten applications, and applications with incomplete documentation will **NOT** be considered.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Print Name** **Print Name**

## CURRENT STATUS

How will/is your education being funded (check all that apply):

Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Self \_\_\_\_\_ Student Loans \_\_\_\_\_ Grants \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_

Current School Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Academic GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking/Class Size \_\_\_\_\_ Current Counselor \_\_\_\_\_

Counselor's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Have you submitted your FAFSA? Yes No SAT/ACT Scores: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Colleges/Trade Schools applied to: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending (choose one) Trade School College/University-4 year Community College-2 year

Do you have siblings currently attending college? YES NO If yes, how many?

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed Application**  
Fill out form completely. Incomplete and hand-written applications WILL NOT be accepted.
- Typed Essay (no more than TWO pages)**  
-What are your academic and career goals?  
-What challenges have you overcome in your life/academic career so far?  
-What will be your biggest challenge in college?  
-Why do you deserve a Ruiz 4 Kids Scholarship?
- Short Essay:**  
Please elaborate on how items listed in your resume have shaped you and your goals.
- Resume (ONLY 1 page)**  
Include the following information:  
Honors/awards/scholarships; Leadership experience; Work experience; Extracurricular activities; Community Service.
- Letter of Recommendation (one only)**
- Sealed Transcript**  
Unsealed transcripts & copies not accepted.
- Signatures**  
Application must be signed by BOTH the applying student and the student's parent/guardian.

NOTE: Documentation will be requested at a later time to verify college enrollment and attendance in order to obtain awarded scholarship.

## DEADLINE-March 10, 2017

**COMPLETE** application packet must be postmarked by **March 10, 2017**

**MAIL TO:** **Ruiz 4 Kids**  
Attn: Scholarship Program  
**PO BOX 37**  
**DINUBA CA 93618**

## SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT:

I certify the information I have supplied is complete and accurate. Information is subject to verification. I know any changes must be submitted to Ruiz 4 Kids in writing. I understand this application, plus supporting documents I provide, become the property of Ruiz 4 Kids. I also understand items missing from my application packet could result in being disqualified from qualifying for a scholarship. I further understand and agree that this application, in part or in full, may be republished by Ruiz 4 Kids in print materials or on the internet for any purpose.

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**Signature of Applicant** **Date**

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**Signature of Parent/Guardian** **Date**

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

By including my email below I am indicating that I would like to receive email updates regarding this scholarship program, future Ruiz 4 Kids events and other opportunities to be involved with this organization.

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**Preferred Email Address**