



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
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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 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 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 _____

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.

Signature of Applicant **Date**

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.

Preferred Email Address