

James T. “Tom” Russell Memorial Scholarship Application



Amount awarded: \$500 - \$1,000 Number of awards: up to 4

Scholarship criteria

GPA 2.50 Minimum

Must be a senior at one of the 10 Volusia County public high schools.

Student must plan to enter the field of education to become a teacher.

Must provide an essay explaining why you want to become a teacher.

Funds will be delivered directly to the college/university you will be attending to benefit your student services account.

This award is administered by FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2023, and must be mailed to:

FUTURES Foundation

Attn: Russell Scholarship Committee

3750 Olson Drive

Daytona Beach, FL 32124

Mail must be postmarked before the deadline to be considered for funding

For questions concerning the application, please contact FUTURES Foundation at 386.255.6475, ext. 50730, or FuturesFoundation@Volusia.k12.fl.us.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

Completed application - print and complete the enclosed application, sign it, and attach all the required items listed below. Please secure all items to application with one staple.

- Completed application including essay
- Please ensure your essay includes why you want to become a teacher
- One reference letter from an educator
- Most recent transcript (from high school and/or college if dual enrolled)

Type or print entire application neatly in black ink or computer generate.

A. Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Your mailing address _____

City, Zip code _____ Cell Phone _____

Email address _____

What high school do you attend/plan to graduate from this year? _____

B. *If you live at home with your parent(s)/guardian(s), complete the related section below.
If not skip to Section C.*

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____ Employment _____

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Do your parent(s)/guardian(s), work in Volusia County Schools? ☐ No ☐ One ☐ Both

If yes, please list work site location(s) _____

C. Number of people living in your home _____

Annual family/household income (please check one):

_____ \$0 reported income

_____ Below \$50,000

_____ \$50,000 - \$80,000

_____ Above \$80,000

Number of family members attending college or planning to attend next year **including** you _____

D. Please outline your work experience, high school activities and community activities. Be sure to mention any education related experience (such as tutoring, teaching, etc.)

List your work experience during the past four years, starting with the most current.

Employer	Start/End Date	Describe your position & duties

List your high school activities (you may attach additional sheet, if necessary):

Organization/Activity	Year/Grade	Position Held/Involvement

List your community and/or other activities outside of school (you may attach additional sheet, if necessary):

Organization/Activity	Year/Grade	Position Held/Involvement

E. College or university you plan to attend _____

Have you been accepted? _____ Intended college major _____

Do you plan to teach in the Volusia County School District: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

List all other scholarships for which you have applied and/or received other than those on this form: scholarship name, amount per year, and status (received, denied, or pending). Please attach extra page if needed.

Scholarship Name	Amount per year	Status

F. Essay– please type or computer generate and attach to scholarship application. Minimum font size 12-point, minimum word count 1,000 and maximum not to exceed 1,500 words. Most scholarships will be chosen solely on the information contained in this essay, so be specific and state your need clearly.

Use the essay to provide information about your personal financial need information, college and career plans, and any other information you feel would help in the selection process. Personal challenges and hardships may be considered by selection committee when awarding this scholarship. Honors, awards, clubs, volunteer time, leadership roles and extra-curricular activities may be included in your essay; however, please do not send certificates, resumes or other documents as they will be discarded and not considered.

SCHOLARSHIP STATEMENT

I understand that:

- (a) if my application is incomplete or does not contain all items from the required list, my application will not be considered, acknowledged, or returned,
- (b) most scholarships will be decided based solely on the essay,
- (c) those other than FUTURES Foundation staff may review my application for the selection process,
- (d) only those chosen to be interviewed will be notified of interview date/time,
- (e) if requested, I must attend an interview or be disqualified,
- (f) only the recipients of the scholarship will be notified by graduation.

I further understand and agree that if I am chosen as a recipient:

- (a) I will attend the Senior Awards program at my high school to receive the award,
- (b) I will send a thank you note to FUTURES Foundation which may be publicly shared with others,
- (c) my scholarship check will not be released until my College Information Sheet AND a copy of my thank you note has been received by the FUTURES Foundation office,**
- (d) the FUTURES Foundation may use my name and photo to publicize my award without any further compensation,
- (e) if I change colleges/universities, it is my responsibility to request that the balance of funds be transferred back to FUTURES Foundation to be reissued to the college I will be attending. I will notify FUTURES Foundation of this in writing,
- (f) all monies received from a one-time award must be used within one year of my high school graduation. Any money remaining after that time will revert back to FUTURES Foundation,
- (g) all scholarship checks will be sent on/about July 1 for fall enrollment IF the above-mentioned paperwork is returned to FUTURES Foundation.

Student Signature: _____

Student Printed Name: _____

Date: _____ Year of Birth if over 18: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

(required if student is under 18 years of age)

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____