

Kate & Marty Rifkin Group Foundation Scholarship Guidelines

About us

Vancouver, Washington, philanthropists Kate and Marty Rifkin started the KMR Group Foundation with a mission to give back to the community. The Foundation's dedicated team commits its time and energy to giving underserved children of all ages an equal opportunity for success with the creation and sponsorship of innovative programs and academic scholarships. Their hope is to help educate and support the lives of young people in the community so they can grow tall and strong.

Scholarship requests

Each spring the KMR Group Foundation awards a number of scholarships to high school seniors in Clark County who are pursuing undergraduate studies. The scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$3,500 per school year and may be renewed for up to four years, provided the recipient conforms to the requirements set forth in the award.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a high school senior graduating from an accredited high school in Clark County.
- Applicant must be currently enrolled or will be enrolled at Clark College or Washington State University Vancouver beginning fall term or semester.
- Applicant must attend college on a full-time basis (12 credits or more per term or semester) for the entire academic year.
- Applicant must be considered a student in good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident with a permanent resident ID card or valid passport.
- Applicant must be in need of financial assistance.

Requirements

- 1) Complete the online application form in its entirety at www.kmrgrp.com. Handwritten documents will not be accepted.
- 2) Write a personal statement of up to 500 words (see online application for a list of topics).
- 3) Write a detailed description of how you plan to finance your education (e.g. financial aid, work, parental assistance). Every applicant must show that they have at least attempted to get financial aid by attaching a completed copy of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
- 4) Write a paragraph describing your involvement in school or other activities.
- 5) Provide your OFFICIAL high school transcript. An official transcript is one issued directly from your high school via mail or secure link. The direct secure link should be sent to the scholarship committee at info@kmrgroup.com. A scanned copy of your transcript **IS NOT** considered an official transcript.
 - a) If your high school does not send official transcripts electronically, have those documents mailed, to arrive by the deadline, to:

KMR Group Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Committee
9604 N.E. 126th Ave., Suite 2330
Vancouver, WA. 98682

- 6) Official SAT/ACT scores. (SAT/ACT scores are not required for students attending Clark College, but students are strongly encouraged to submit SAT/ACT scores for purposes of scoring scholarship applications.)
- 7) Provide two letters of recommendation from professional references (e.g. instructors, academic counselors, employers, clergy or volunteer supervisors) who can speak to your academic ability, personal qualities, etc.

KMR Group Foundation scholarship funds may be used only for tuition, books and fees (does not include late fees). Checks will be made payable to and mailed directly to the recipient's college.

It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all necessary forms are submitted to KMR Group Foundation by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Contact the scholarship committee at info@kmrgroup.com if you have any questions about this process.