RIVER DELL HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

To: Parents and Students – Class of 2024

Subject: Local scholarships

For your information we are listing the local scholarships offered to the Class of 2024. All applications can be downloaded from the River Dell Website. Please bring all scholarship applications to Mrs. Obeso in the guidance office by March 14th, 2024 or before. Thank you.

Go to the RD Website: www.riverdell.org. Go to Departments and click on Guidance, then click on High School Guidance Department. Local scholarship applications are listed under Scholarships (local: 2/7/2024) on the left.

ALL Scholarship Applications Are Due In The Guidance Office By March 14th, 2024 no later than 3:00pm

Amount	Application to Use	Requirements
4 @ \$1,500	River Dell Application ESSAY: Please refer to requirement section	This application consists of four parts: athletics, academics, community service and Italian heritage with academics and athletics being the main criteria. The required essay prompt is located on the River Dell local scholarship page
2 @ \$750	Their Own Application	FEMALE resident of River Edge or Oradell. Must be a varsity athlete in at least one sport and planning to attend college in the fall of 2024. Should also be active in other non-athletic extracurricular activities and demonstrate a financial need.
	4 @ \$1,500	4 @ \$1,500 River Dell Application ESSAY: Please refer to requirement section 2 @ \$750 Their Own

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American Legion of Oradell Post #41	2 @ \$1,000	River Dell Application	ORADELL students only – 1 Female & 1 Male. Must demonstrate academic achievement, community service, involvement in extracurricular activities and need. One boy and one girl will be chosen. Must have a relative who served or is serving in the military. (i.e. parents, grandparents, aunt, uncle).
The Anthony P. Marotti Memorial Fund	\$3,000	Their Own Application	Any senior athlete with minimum GPA of 3.0 and who participates in a varsity sport.
Arthur G. and Pauline C. Hubel Scholarship	4 @ \$5,000	Their Own Application	The recipient must demonstrate academic achievement through evidence of working to one's potential and be accepted for admission at an institution of higher education, e.g. college, community college, university or vocational school. All high school grades must be substantiated by an official transcript and attached to the application. (Mrs. Obeso will attach transcript to the application, no need to request it)
Astarita-Russell Production Scholarship	\$500	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only Click Submissions application and video https://www.dropbo x.com/request/dMu 4B9Tq4sD5nUs8N C3r	Female student going into the field of television or video production, journalism or another media production concentration at either a trade school, 2-year college or 4-year college. Students must have taken 2+ years of television production at River Dell. Submit your best piece of work to Ms. Russell. This can be written work, a social media post, a video from class, something you created for fun or something you want to create for this opportunity. As long as you think it is one of your best pieces of work. Short Essay: Why are you majoring in this field and what are you planning to do with the scholarship money?

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Blackhawks Soccer Club Scholarship	3 @ \$500	Their Own Application	Scholarship Requirements- Student must have played soccer with the Blackhawks for 3 years. Two of those years must be reflective of time in the program before entering high school. Figury Program of Write on essey which includes the following.
			Essay Requirement- Write an essay which includes the following topics (up to 300 words maximum) 1. What life lessons has soccer taught you? 2. What have you learned from being part of a team? 3. How will your soccer experience help you in your life after high school?
B'nai B'rith Lodge of Oradell	\$500	River Dell	Award to be presented to a Jewish student based on overall academic and social achievements. Applicants may include a written statement in addition to the River Dell application, highlighting any information the applicant desires to bring to the organizations attention, which is not included in the RD application. Also write with respect to B'nai B'rith and the values it embraces.
Bradford Matthew Hoey Memorial Scholarship for Learning Disabled Student Athletes	2 @ \$1,500	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	Must be a River Dell HS student. Student/Athletes who have an IEP or 504 classification. Essay: Learning Disabilities define who you are and how you approach life both in the classroom and in the world of sports. How has your disability impacted your life?

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Cherry Hill PTO	2 @ \$750	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	1 Male and 1 Female. Must be currently attending River Dell High School. Scholastic average B or higher, community service, extracurricular involvement. Must have attended Cherry Hill School grades 1-6. Will consider students attending technical and mechanical schools, 2-year college programs, nursing school, and other accredited programs. RIVER EDGE student only. Essay:
			Describe briefly one experience from Cherry Hill School that you
			have carried with you through your continued education
Christopher A. Cheevers Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	 River Edge student only Short essay Describe scholastic honors/awards you earned during high school Describe all community service activities you have been involved during high school Academic: Students with a minimum of a "B" or higher Scholastics honors or awards earned Any academic achievement that sets applicant apart Must attend college after graduation or be accepted into an accredited trade school program Athletics:

			Community Service: All community service activities during high school years Emphasis on people-oriented services Love of outdoor activities with a focus on interaction with people Other/Extra: Recommendations- Teachers, Counselors, Coaches (up to 3 recommendations) Activity in non-athletic extracurricular activities Demonstrate good character Respect toward classmates/teachers/parents Positive Spirit
Dan Boland Scholarship	\$2,000	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	Awarded to a student athlete who demonstrates exceptional dedication to their team and teammates, is a coachable leader, and exemplifies strong character and integrity. In 200 words or less, please write a prompt that shows how you exemplify these attributes. Additional consideration will be given to applicants who have consistently influenced others to demonstrate the above listed criteria
Debby Kyritz Memorial Scholarship	2 @ \$1,000	Their Own Application	One student from River Edge and one from Oradell . Students should be avid readers with a talent for creative writing. Students should have submitted creative writing pieces to school publications, local newspapers, and/or literary publications. Students should have worked with children either in the local schools or in the local communities. Experience working in a library, either on a paid or volunteer basis will be given equal consideration with extra-curricular activities in the schools or communities. Needed: completed essay and reference letters. Students who show the most potential to give back to their community and its children after graduation from college.
Derrick Otto Chaput Scholarship Fund	3 @ \$1,000	River Dell Application	River Dell senior who has overcome challenges presented by his or her learning disabilities and earned the opportunity to attend college

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Erika Steinbauer Future Teacher Scholarship	\$1,000	River Dell Application (Cover sheet located on the River Dell local scholarship page)	Must have attended the River Edge Public Schools (graduate of Roosevelt or Cherry Hill School) and whose intention is to pursue a career as an elementary school teacher. Applicant should be able to demonstrate past involvement working with young children through babysitting, playgroup, camp, recreation activities, etc. on a paid or volunteer basis. Applicant should be able to document a strong academic and extracurricular experience throughout his/her high school years and an intention to pursue elementary teaching certification upon college graduation.
The Fleishman Prize	\$3,000	Their Own Application	Awarded to 1 candidate, male or female, who displays the qualities of the one-and-only Jeffrey Fleishman (salutatorian, RD class of 1993) including: a need to blaze her/his own academic path, an interest in technology, and a desire to help those in need. If chosen as a finalist, you will be emailed an essay question on March 20th, 2024 at 7:00am, which will need to be completed and emailed to Mrs. Obeso by March 21st, 2024 no later than 9:00am.
Fred & Edna Barnefuer Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	River Dell Application	Financial need; acceptable grades; community service focus; volunteering; part-time work; internships
Grow Oradell Cares Scholarship	\$500	River Dell Application ESSAY: Choose between Option 1 essay OR Option 2 essay	Open to Oradell residents attending college in the Fall who support our goal of promoting and expanding local business. Essay Option 1: We want to know your goals, aspirations, "dream job", your plan on achieving it, and how you may have a positive impact upon the community of Oradell. Essay Option 2: Explain how your experience(s) growing up in the community of Oradell positively affected you. Please complete one of the essay options. Community service and work experiences should be incorporated into your essay.

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Jack "Courage" Dunlop Scholarship (dba The Dunlop Enterprises LLC)	2 @ \$1,000	River Dell Application	One female and One male; Individuals must have demonstrated strength of character and courage by; standing up for a fellow student(s), stepping out of their comfort zone to help others in the community, and helping to spread kindness and positivity through their words and actions. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher
Jennifer L. Fialko Memorial	\$3,000	River Dell Application	A FEMALE varsity athlete who demonstrates a positive team spirit while providing encouragement to team players and displaying a respectful attitude towards team members and coaches. This athlete should hold strong leadership qualities and be a cheerful listener who puts their whole heart into the game.
The Joyce Garvin Memorial Scholarship	3 @ \$5,000	Click on link to apply: https://forms.gle/G WtFRZ1PrCkxFrrq 5	Application & essay question in link Request transcript from Mrs. Obeso to attach to link
Junior Women's Club of River Edge	TBD	Click the links below to apply Application: https://forms.gle/fdyM6cTxit Rvrj5C8 Extracurricular: https://docs.google.com/docu ment/d/16Khzxi-uZXMYt8w- KvmHiff1ML_8CSdF0M5ey 5BxQHA/edit?usp=sharing Community Service & Volunteer: https://docs.google.com/docu ment/d/1opcbLMWTGVrdS- P4SSzI_ZPYXbFnfJuOGRux zEHbr2g/edit?usp=sharing	Must be a strong female student who has a focus on community involvement. One student from River Edge and one student from Oradell. Request transcript from Mrs. Obeso to attach to link

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Kohout and Krzastek Award for Perseverance	\$500	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	Eligible Students must have a documented disability receiving services through an IEP or 504 plan PART 1: describe your disability and its impact on your life both inside and outside school PART 2: discuss the gift of your disability and how the challenges have created strength of character
The Kristine L. LaGuardia Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	This scholarship will be awarded to a student who lives a full life with joy, happiness, courage and faith while excelling academically despite facing significant adversity in life. Essay: Explain how your life adversity has not only changed your current life outlook, but how you will use it in your future to make a positive impact on helping others. "Why You?" What separates you from others who may have a similar life situation. What life goals are you preparing for while in your next academic phase at college and beyond?
Lindsey Manzelli Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	FEMALE OR MALE having a reputation as a good friend looking to help others. Student must have a passion for Art and/or love for Animals. Student must be looking to take that passion beyond their high school years. ESSAY: Write an essay describing your love for Arts OR why Animals are an important part of your life What obstacles did you have to overcome and how did Art or Animals help you overcome those obstacles? How do you intend to make Art or Animals a part of your life after high school? (i.e. Do you intend to go to Art School or Veterinary School or Volunteer your time in a similar capacity?) How have you helped others and why would they consider you a good friend?

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Lucey Dugan Watkins Charity	\$1,000	Their Own Application Send applications to lucevduganwatkin s@gmail.com OR mail to Lucey Dugan Watkins Charity, Scholarship; 301 Baldwin Ave, New Milford, NJ 07646 Scholarship application, transcripts and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by 4/15/2024 to the above address. DEADLINE FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP ONLY 4/15/2024	Must be a graduating senior entering one of the service academies (USMA, USNA, USAFA, USCGA) Essay (500–1000-word count) Essay must include every bullet point below: • What inspired you to enter a service academy and why this academy? • Your experience with volunteer work • Provide an example of a time you helped someone with no benefit to yourself (explain the person's challenge, how you helped and the result) • What American Patriotism means to you and why it is important? • An American historical figure who you believe exemplifies leadership, explain Request transcript from Mrs. Obeso

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Lynn Episcopio-Law Memorial Scholarship	\$1,000	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	A graduating River Dell High School senior attending a 4-year college. Awarded to a student that kept a positive attitude when life presented challenges. ESSAY: Required 500-word essay describing a time how you overcame a difficult time in your life or how you helped someone persevere through adversity.
Mike Weber, Sr. Foundation	TBD	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	Participates and letters in a sport at River Dell. Write a 500 word or less essay describing how you overcame adversity in your life.
Nicholas Lamendola Memorial	\$1,000	River Dell Application	Student athlete who lettered in at least one varsity sport and is known to students, teammates and teachers as hardworking and a team player. Of exceptional character and one who exudes true sportsmanship. MALE OR FEMALE.
Nicholas Myers Memorial Scholarship for Everyone Else	\$1,000	Their Own	**This endowment is not necessarily for university studies but can also be awarded to anyone who chooses to attend a trade school, enlist in the military or start a small business to begin their professional lives.** This scholarship is neither need based nor based on academic or extracurricular performance; it is for "everyone else". However, the spirit of this award is specifically about effort and attitude. Nicholas was a typical kid that made people smile spontaneously, encouraged others, gave of himself freely and always did his best. This award will be given to the student who best exemplifies this spirit.

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Oradell Education Association Scholarship	\$1,000	River Dell Application	Must be a graduate of ORADELL PUBLIC SCHOOL . Pursuing a degree in education. B+ grade or better. Excellent essay. Degree of need.
Oradell-Emerson Rotary Club	\$1,000	River Dell Application	ORADELL resident only. The following are the categories considered: career planning, economic need, work experience, reason for applying. Special honors, school activities, community activities/citizenship.
The Oradell Kids Foundation	\$1,000	River Dell Application	ORADELL resident only. Community Service, extensive volunteer work
Oradell Lion's Club Scholarship	2 @ \$1,000	River Dell Application	The applicant must be an Oradell resident. Applicant must demonstrate academic achievement, community service, involvement in extracurricular activities and financial need.
Oradell PTA Scholarship	2 @ \$1,000	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	One FEMALE graduate from OPS and one MALE graduate from OPS. Must be an Oradell resident. We will look at each applicant's academic and extra curricular accomplishments, including contributions to the community. How did your time at OPS contribute to who you are today?
Dr. Paul DeMaio Award	\$500	River Dell Application	One boy or girl who has lettered in one varsity sport and has demonstrated a commitment to community service. This student should have a financial need in order to further his/her education through college.

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Peter K. Seldin Scholarship	\$16,000 (\$4,000 per year for 4 years)	River Dell Application	OBJECTIVE: Provide monetary assistance that will help River Dell students with significant financial need to attend the best colleges for which they are qualified. This scholarship program is intended to provide incremental funding, not simply to replace funds that would otherwise be provided by a college's financial aid process. SELECTION CRITERIA: Seldin Scholarship recipients will be, first and foremost, excellent students. Academic performance and potential are the most important criteria in this program, although the recipients will also demonstrate some involvement in extra-curricular activities and/or community service.
RDHS Wrestling Booster Club – Joe Baranello Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Their Own Application	A graduating senior that completed all 4 years of high school wrestling on the River Dell Wrestling team who will attend a post-secondary college, university or vocation/technical school Please write an essay (not to exceed 500 words) including the following: 1. What has wrestling taught you about life? 2. How have you given back to your team, high school or local community?
REEA Philanthropic Fund	TBD	Their Own Application	Graduate of Cherry Hill or Roosevelt Elementary School, academic success, financial need, community service, responsibility, completion of application and essay. PLEASE STATE WHICH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YOU ATTENDED.

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Rick Bell Memorial Scholarship (RDHS Class of 1976)	\$500	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	Male baseball player and/or female softball player who will attend a 4-year college. This athlete must be in good academic standing with diverse interests and should exhibit attributes such as good sportsmanship, dedication and passion for the game. The applicant should have a reputation as a leader and a good friend. Standard RDHS form plus essay.
		Criteria located on the River Dell local scholarship page	 Essay Please choose one of the four topics below to write a creative essay that relates life to what you have learned on the field. Not to exceed 500 words What has baseball or softball taught you about life? What qualities are important to you in a friend? Describe a friend who has shown you the meaning of friendship. If you have a creative talent – hidden or not – what significance does it have in your life? If you were given the opportunity to meet anyone from history, who would it be and why?
River Dell Boys Basketball Booster Association	\$500	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	4-year male basketball player, financial need will be considered. 250-word Essay: What has playing for River Dell over the past 4-years taught you as a player, but more importantly as a person?
River Dell Diamond Association	\$1,000	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	Senior student who has participated in River Dell Baseball for 4 years. Strong academic & school /extracurricular balance. WRITE AN ESSAY (500 words maximum): On what has playing for River Dell Baseball taught you about yourself

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River Dell Middle School & PTSO Scholarship	2 @\$500	River Dell Application	River Dell graduate who attended River Dell schools from grades 7-12 Commitment to academics and service to the school and community
		ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	Essay: Submit 1 page essay of examples of resilience when faced with adversity, of acceptance and displaying acts of kindness
River Dell Music Parents	4 @ \$500	Their Own	Applicants must be a current member of either the RD Marching Band or
Association (RDMPA)	7 (2) \$300	Application	RD Drama Club and have participated in either for at least 2 years. They must also be a member of RDMPA.
			Applicants must also answer the following question in 400–700-word essay: How has being a member of the Marching Band or Drama Club affected or changed you as a student and how do you feel it has helped you to prepare or guide you in your future endeavors?
River Dell PTO	TBD	Their Own Application	The applicant must be continuing their education by attending a 2-4 year college or vocational school. Applicant's family must be a PTO member for all the years that the applicant attended River Dell High School. Candidate shall demonstrate involvement in a service activity at River Dell or in the community at large. Tell us in your essay (no more than 300 words) how your service activities have impacted you and the community. How have these activities and their impact made you deserving of this scholarship.

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River Dell Soccer Booster Association	3 @ \$500	Their Own Application	Student must have played soccer for River Dell High School for a minimum of 3 years.
			 WRITE AN ESSAY of approximately 300 words including the following topics: What life lessons has soccer taught you? What have you learned from being part of a team? How will your soccer experience help you in your college life?
River Edge Girls Athletic League (REGAL)	2 @ \$500	Their Own Application	RIVER EDGE girl only. REGAL participation in 1 sport; continued athletics in high school; continuing a 2-4 year college or trade school; 85 GPA and essay
River Edge Lion's Club	TBD	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	RIVER EDGE student. Complete an application showing good grades, extra-curricular activities and involvement in community/volunteer services. Include a short composition expressing how this scholarship will assist with future goals.
River Edge Volunteer Fire Department	\$500	Their Own Application	Must be a River Edge resident. Must have attended River Dell from grades 9-12. Must be attending college, technical or vocational school after graduation. Strong emphasis on community service and volunteerism. Students have to detail their volunteer work. Children of any member of the REFD are NOT eligible to apply.
Robert Siliato Scholarship Foundation in Memory of Christopher John	\$1,000	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in	The individual must be a 2024 graduate from River Dell High School who is planning on continuing their education. Essay: The individual is to write an essay (minimum 1-page) describing on how
		requirements only	they have selflessly helped others in need.

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Roosevelt Elementary PTO	2 @ \$1,000	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	Must have attended Roosevelt Elementary from grades 1-6. Scholastic B or higher, community service, extracurricular activities. It would be helpful to say how Roosevelt or a teacher at Roosevelt impacted you or helped guide you. Essay up to one page in length, not to exceed 500 words, single-spaced, 12 point font
Scott Rohner Memorial	\$2,000	River Dell Application	Financial need, compassion for others, personal integrity, determination to achieve, leadership qualities and a positive attitude. A person who will make a significant contribution to society.
SGO	TBD	Their Own Application	Students must demonstrate their participation in service to the River Dell High School and/ or the greater community. The students' overall GPA is not the primary factor in determining the winner of this scholarship; this is a service-oriented award.
Sgt. David Solinas, Jr. Memorial Award	3 @ \$1,000	Essay Only (no application) For more information visit www.sgtsolinas.co m/scholarships	Awarded to 3 graduating seniors who share David's dedication to service. Please visit www.sgtsolinas.com/scholarships The scholarship is open to any graduating River Dell student. To apply for this scholarship, please write an essay (of any length) explaining how service has been a part of your life, and how your service has impacted others. Feel free to tell us how you intend to continue service to others in the future. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 14TH, 2024. Email your essay to sgtsolinasmemorialfund@gmail.com with the subject "Scholarship Application". Include your full name in the email. NOTE: Please be sure to attach essays. We cannot open links to OneDrive documents.

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Tim Steel Work Ethic Scholarship	\$500	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only	Requirements: Awarded to a student who has demonstrated a work ethic and desire to enter the work force, trade school, military or start of a business In lieu of essay, a teacher recommendation should be submitted Short Statement: What are your post-secondary plans?
Todd Ouida Children's Memorial Scholarship	2 @ \$1,000	River Dell Application ESSAY: submit essay in requirements only (include statement of approximately 300 words)	Awarded to a student who has become a stronger and more caring person through overcoming an obstacle or persevering through adversity. Please include a statement of approximately 300 words
Women's Club of Oradell –	TBD	River Dell	ORADELL graduating student planning to attend a 4-year college.
Book & Needle (Club Award)		Application	Must be a student in good standing and active in community service
Women's Club of Oradell – Book & Needle (Dorothy Stevens Memorial)	TBD	River Dell Application	ORADELL resident, graduating senior, planning to attend college.
Women's Club of Oradell – Book & Needle (Letitia LaForgia Memorial)	\$1,000	River Dell Application ESSAY: Submit short essay in requirements only	Oradell resident only. Female or Male interested in music and/or theater, have used their talent in performances, a student in good standing. Write a short essay about how you have used your talent and what your plans are for the future

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Women's Club of Oradell – Book & Needle (Mina Garaventa Memorial)	TBD	River Dell Application	Oradell resident furthering his/her education in nursing or medical field