The Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation.

Answers to FAQs.

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1. **Who is Rachel Royston and when did the foundation start?**

Rachel was an eminent educator in the Seattle area. The Foundation named for her was incorporated in 1965.

1. **Who is in charge of the Foundation?**

A 5-member Board of Trustees runs the Foundation on behalf of Delta Kappa Gamma Washington State Organization.

1. **How much money is available for scholarships?**

**Scholarship monies come from the earnings of the Foundation’s portfolio.** Since 1965 we have awarded 448 scholarships at a total value of $970,295.00. In recent years, most awards to individuals have been in the range of $5,000 (five thousand dollars) - $8,000 (eight thousand dollars) total. Awards may be smaller or larger depending on a variety of factors including the performance of our portfolio.

1. **What is the money used for?**

A RRPSF award is for post-Baccalaureate study, in the field of education, taken at a regional or nationally accredited institution. Scholarship monies are paid directly to the candidate’s college or university, and go toward tuition fees. No other expenses (travel, books, etc.) can be covered by a RRPSF award.

1. **When is an award payable?**

An award granted in the spring of one year will be toward tuition expenses incurred during the following Fiscal Year. For example, an award announced in the Spring of 2023 must be applied to course work between 7/1/2023 and 6/30/2024.

1. **Who can apply for a scholarship?**

A candidate must be female, a bona fide resident of Washington State and an established teacher.

1. **What type of coursework can be covered by a RRPSF award?**

We welcome applications from teachers working toward master or doctoral degrees, those pursuing specialist/administrative credentials, teachers seeking to add additional endorsements and teachers wanting to add an extra curriculum area to their teacher toolbox,

1. **What type of course will NOT be covered by a RRPSF award?**

We regret we are unable to cover coursework that leads to initial teacher training at the graduate level (e.g. Master’s in Teaching). Nor can we accept an application for funds to cover National Board Certification.

1. **Are there any other qualifications for candidates?**

A candidate cannot be related by blood or marriage to a current Board Trustee. A candidate does NOT have to be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

1. **What are you looking for in a successful candidate?**

A successful finalist will show evidence of scholarship, a history of strong professional service and the promise of distinction in her chosen field.

1. **I received an award last year. Can I re-apply?**

Yes, indeed!

1. **Does a candidate have to give back to the Organization in any way?**

No, there is no requirement. You will be invited to keep the Board apprised of your progress throughout the scholarship year.

1. **How do I apply?**

The secure, confidential application form will be available on our website mid-October with a closing date clearly stated at that time. Prepare your answers and when ready submit your application online. You will receive an email from us confirming receipt.

1. **What questions are on the form?**

You will be asked to give us some necessary personal information, details of your proposed studies, your estimated tuition fees and the name of a professional reference. Toward the end of the questionnaire, we ask you to respond to two short-answer essay prompts (200-300 words each) and the final question is for you to add anything else we should know about you, as we consider your application. The Board retains the right to request additional information, such as an alternate reference, clarification of budget or studies, or a transcript.

1. **What happens next? Is there an interview?**

After the application window closes, the Board of Trustees will select finalists. Finalists are invited to interview, via Zoom, at a mutually convenient time in the spring. After the last interview, the Board selects those candidates it considers worthy of an award. The number and amount of awards is at the Board’s discretion, and their decision is final.

The timeline for the current year will be clearly posted on our website.

1. **What if at I have further questions?**

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