

Frequently Asked Questions

The Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation Scholarship for 2022-2023.

1. Who is Rachel Royston (Knutson) 1905-1999

Rachel was a teacher, counselor and administrator in the Seattle Public School District. She was a past president of Washington State Organization, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and the Seattle Teacher's Association (now the Seattle Education Association.) She believed that through scholarships, friendships and careful mentoring, capable and ambitious women could realize their full potential.

2. Who can apply? Female bona fide residents of Washington state who are currently (or will be) enrolled in a nationally or regionally accredited college or university graduate degree or certification program in the field of education may apply. The candidate must hold a Bachelor's degree *and be certified to teach in Washington State*. She need not be a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

3. How do I apply? The application form and the directions may be found at <http://www.dkgwa.org/royston-scholarship.html>

4. How much are the scholarship awards and what does it cover? Amounts vary depending on the number of recipients. Individual scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$4,000. The scholarship is to be used for tuition. It does not cover housing, transportation, parking, computer hardware or childcare. In memory of Margaret L. Harvin, a major Foundation donor, an additional award(s) is given to the recipient(s) who the Board believes has achieved the highest level of self-improvement and success in the area of educational scholarship.

5. When is the application deadline? Where is it to be sent? All materials are to be submitted electronically by 11:59 pm on December 1, 2021. Refer to the instructions found at <http://www.dkgwa.org/royston-scholarship.html>

6. How and when will recipients receive funds? The Foundation treasurer works directly with the recipient and her school, sending tuition directly to the school once all required documents have been received prior to the beginning of each term. Dispensation is divided equally over the course of the fiscal year with the amount variation dependent on the number of terms taken. Funds are available for the fiscal year of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Ten percent of the overall award is withheld until successful completion of the scholarship year. No expenses may be retroactively applied.

7. Should I submit my materials electronically? Yes, the Foundation accepts application materials electronically.

8. How is the Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation funded? Donations, bequests and investment earnings are provided to The Rachel Royston Scholarship Foundation, a private non-profit 501(c)(3) foundation registered with the Washington State Secretary of State.

9. Who administers the Foundation? An elected five-member Board of Trustees and a Foundation Treasurer/Administrative Assistant (all members of Alpha Sigma State) along with a CPA, and an investment advisor, serve to operate the Foundation.

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10. Why are these scholarships given? Scholarships are provided to encourage and support women educators in earning graduate degrees, advanced certification and/or administrative credentials.

11. How can recipients give back? At the completion of their scholarship year (and/or degree work) recipients are required to send a copy of their work (research paper, article, presentation or doctoral dissertation) to the Board's Treasurer Administrative Assistant. Some materials become part of the CEDAR Library at Western Washington University. Recipients are invited to share their work with local Delta Kappa Gamma Chapter members, by visiting or joining a Chapter, publicizing this scholarship opportunity with female colleagues, and by sharing their knowledge of the Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship Foundation. Recipients are also welcome to contribute to the Foundation in the future. Specific information regarding these opportunities may be obtained from the Foundation's Treasurer, and Administrative Assistant Carol Linscott roystontreasurer@gmail.com

12. How may I obtain further information about the Foundation? Questions may be addressed to: Carol Linscott, Treasurer/Administrative Assistant at roystontreasurer@gmail.com.