

ROY STANLEY MILLER SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROCEDURE POLICIES

The Roy Stanley Miller Charitable Foundation intends to award each year two one-time \$2,500.00 scholarships to seniors within the WDBJ Channel 7 viewing area (primarily Western Virginia) subject to the following requirements:

1. The student must be a senior who will be accepted by an accredited college or university (which is encompassed by the definition of “educational organizations” under Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the Code).
2. The student must reside in the WDBJ Channel 7 viewing area (primarily Western Virginia).
3. Applicants must establish evidence of **financial need**.
4. Applicants must either desire to be a journalism or communications major, or be a deserving athlete.
5. The Scholarship Selection Committee will choose at least two recipients each year based on objective standards. One scholarship will be awarded based on the following standards: high school seniors who desire to be journalism or communications major, the prior academic performance of the applicant, recommendations from faculty or administrative staff personnel from high schools within the viewing area, and financial need. A second scholarship will be awarded based on the following standards: high school seniors who were high school athletes, the prior performance of the applicants in his or her respective sport, the applicant’s academic qualifications, the recommendations from high school athletic directors and coaches within the viewing area, and financial need. The Scholarship Committee may also consider sample work of the applicant, applicant interviews, and any conclusions drawn from the interview about the applicant’s motivation, character, ability, and potential. If additional scholarships are awarded they will be assessed along the same guidelines as above.
6. The applicants are encouraged to provide recommendations by their teachers, guidance counselors, athletic director, or coaches.
7. The recipients will be chosen by a Scholarship Selection Committee. The Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of at least three members elected annually by the directors and will be composed of directors or qualified individuals in the communities (e.g., journalist, journalism or English professor, high school administrator or teacher, former or current athletic director, referee, professional scout). The Selection Committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors each year. The decision of the committee will be final.
8. No one who is a member of the family of any Scholarship Selection Committee member or who is a member of the family of any officer or director of the Foundation may be considered for a scholarship.

9. All applications must be in the hands of the Selection committee by May 12, 2017, by 5 p.m. Applications may be mailed, faxed, or hand delivered.
10. The applicant must submit a letter of application including:
 - A. College he or she plans to attend and curriculum planning to pursue.
 - B. Address within the WDBJ viewing area (primarily Western Virginia).
 - C. Evidence of financial need.
 - D. Reasons for wanting to attend college. (Narrative)
 - E. Grade point average, and grades.
 - F. Extracurricular activities.
 - G. If desiring to be journalism major, a sample of a written or broadcast piece of journalism is encouraged.
 - H. Parents' most recent federal income tax return or FASA.
11. The committee reserves the right to interview applicants.
12. The scholarship program will be publicized at high schools within the WDBJ Channel 7 viewing area (Western, Virginia) through the guidance offices within the communities served by WDBJ. Again, there are no restrictions on who may receive scholarships, other than the preference mentioned above and selection standards.
13. The scholarships will be awarded for 2017-2018 academic year. Scholarship monies must be used by 12/31/2018. Any unused portion of the scholarship will be returned to the Foundation.
14. Scholarship funds will be in the form of one-time outright grants and not in the form of loans. Funds will be paid directly to the school for educational expenses at the beginning of the freshman year.
15. The Scholarship Selection Committee reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

**Application for Scholarship from the
Roy Stanley Miller Charitable Foundation**

Applications must be received by **May 12, 2017, 5 p.m.**

Full Name: _____
(first name) (middle initial) (last name)

Address: _____

e-mail address _____

Home Phone # _____ **Cell Phone #** _____

High School _____

Guidance Counselor: _____

College(s) you intend to apply to: _____

Intended Major: _____

Name of Guardian(s):

A) _____ B) _____

Daytime Phone # _____ **Daytime Phone #** _____

The following items must be attached to be considered a complete application

Guardian(s) most recent federal income tax return, or FASA, and any other documentation detailing financial need.

Narrative listing reasons why you want to attend college, and why you need this scholarship.

High School Transcript.

If applying for the journalism / communications scholarship, samples of any of your work in those disciplines.

Optional materials:

Recommendations from educators, coaches, references, or peers.

Any other materials that you believe that will help in evaluating your application.

All applications need to be delivered either by mail, fax, or hand delivery to:

**RSM Committee
c/o WDBJ Television
2807 Hershberger Road
Roanoke, VA 24017**

Email: mgraves@wdbj7.com

Fax: 540-985-3640