The Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce
Rob Ridder Scholarship Application Form – 2020

NEW DEADLINE FOR 2020 IS APRIL 30TH

INSTRUCTIONS:

Prospective applicants must be senior at one of the high schools located in Volusia County, and be the student of a parent (or legal guardian) that is a member of the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce. Additional criteria to be considered include community service, demonstrated leadership in school and community activities, character, integrity, initiative and other personal qualities, and financial need. Finalists will be required to participate in an interview in front of the selection committee. In addition, the following documentation must be attached to this application form:

1. High school transcript, including the applicant’s class rank and SAT/ACT scores.
2. One letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor at the student’s current school.
3. Two letters of recommendation from people or organizations closely familiar with the applicant’s community service, leadership activities or charity work. Writers must neither be related to the applicant nor staff members of the applicant’s school.
4. Personal statement – in a one page letter, please write about your life, challenges, successes and obstacles you have overcome to get where you are today. Give us your life story so that we may be able to get to know you better!
5. Resume

STUDENT/APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Address:  __________________________________________________________
Phone:  __________________________________________________________
Email:  __________________________________________________________
Date of birth: __________________ Place of birth: ________________

Name of parent/guardian: ____________________________________________

Name of parent/guardian business or place of employment:
______________________________________________________________

High School: ______________________________________________________

Counselor’s name: _________________________________________________

Description of part time work, organizations, societies, clubs, and any other activities in which you have been active during the past four years (you can attach separate document if needed):
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Honors and special recognitions:
________________________________________________________________
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Colleges you have applied to: _______________________________________

Which college is your first choice? Why? ________________________________
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Have you been accepted? ___________________________________________

Briefly describe your goals, aspirations and what separates you from the rest of your class:
________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________
Estimated Yearly College Expenses:

Annual Tuition $____________________
Annual Room & Board $____________________
Annual Books & Supplies $____________________
Total Expenses $____________________

Estimated Income from Grants/scholarships:

Bright Futures $____________________
Florida Pre-Paid $____________________
Other Scholarships $____________________
Expected Family Contribution $____________________
TOTAL Grants/Scholarships $____________________
BALANCE STILL NEEDED $____________________

AVAILABILITY FOR INTERVIEWS - UPDATED

Interviews will be scheduled the week after the deadline date of April 30th. All efforts will be made to select interview dates to accommodate the applicant and the committee and will most likely be done on Zoom.

I swear and affirm that the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I promise that, if selected, I will strive to meet or exceed
the stated requirements for the recipients of the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund.

______________________________  ____________________
Applicant’s Signature            Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature        Date
Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce
Rob Ridder Scholarship Fund
2020 process for applications

The Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Rob Ridder Scholarship was established in 2014, and is intended to recognize students of Chamber members for outstanding educational and community service achievement. The Ormond Chamber expects to award six (6) one-time new scholarships this school year. Each recipient will be awarded a scholarship of up to $1000. Eligibility and awards will be decided by the OBCC Scholarship committee based on the applicant pool.

Eligibility

To be eligible, each scholarship grant applicant must:

a. **Be the child of a parent (or legal guardian) that is a member of the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce in good standing; and,**
b. Be a senior at one of the high schools located in Volusia Co.  **and,**
c. Intend to attend any accredited university, college, community/State college, or vocational/technical institute beginning in the fall of 2020; **and,**
d. Submit a **complete** application prior to the application deadline. A complete application shall include **all** of the requirements described herein and those contained in the application itself. Applications must include **all** of the materials listed below and must be submitted on the 2020 Application Form. Incomplete applications **will not be considered; and,**
e. Have an email address which they regularly monitor, as this will be the primary form of communication between the applicant and the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Rob Ridder Scholarship Fund Committee.

Criteria for Selection

The Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Rob Ridder Scholarship Fund Committee shall evaluate scholarship applicants based on the following criteria:

a. Involvement in community service and commitment to making a difference.
b. Demonstrated leadership in school and community activities.

c. Character, integrity, initiative and other personal qualities.

d. Financial need.

**Application Requirements**

a. Completed application form.
b. Official high school transcript.
c. **One letter** of recommendation from a teacher or counselor at the student’s current school.
d. **Two letters** of recommendation from people or organizations closely familiar with the applicant’s community service, leadership activities or charity work. Writers must neither be related to the applicant nor staff members of the applicant’s school.

Applicants are encouraged to procure the three letters of recommendation specifically for the application. Previously written letters of recommendation are acceptable if less than a year old, but applicants must provide copies of all letters with the application. All three letters of recommendation must include the following:

1. Identification of the writer along with a home or business address and phone number.
2. How long the writer has known the applicant, and the nature of their relationship.
3. Specific references to the selection criteria relevant to the writer’s relationship to the applicant, the qualities and experiences that recommend the applicant for this award.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT. THIS IS PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS. IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS AND PROVIDE ALL REQUESTED DOCUMENTS, YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**
General Guidelines & Process

a. Applicant submits a completed application by mail or in person to the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Rob Ridder Scholarship Fund, 165 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach 32174, so that it is received no later than 5:00pm on (updated deadline) Thursday, April 30, 2020. Email applications will be accepted with all required documents and should be sent all at one time to dcotton@ormondchamber.com

b. Applicants selected for interview will be notified by email of interview place/time.

c. 30-minute interview of applicant by members of the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Rob Ridder Scholarship Fund Selection Committee.

d. Notification to applicants and schools of award winners and amounts.

Interviews

Applicants shall provide three days/times at which they pledge to be available for an interview. The Ormond Beach Chamber Rob Ridder Scholarship Fund Committee will make every effort to give all applicants their first or second choice but can make no guarantees. Applicants selected for an interview will be notified of the time and place. Applicants must remain available for all choices provided on the application until notified of their specific interview day and time. Applicants must confirm the interview day/time promptly. Changes to the schedule will be possible only under extraordinary circumstances. Applicants unable to make their interview will be ineligible for an award.

Timeline/Checklist for Applicants - UPDATED

a. UPDATED: April 30th: Applications are due no later than 5:00pm on April 30, 2020 by mail to the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Rob Ridder Scholarship Fund, 165 W. Granada Blvd, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. Applicants mailing their applications should do so well enough in advance to ensure timely arrival. All late or incomplete applications will be rejected without review; no exceptions. Applicants are encouraged to be timely,
carefully check their applications, and follow up with those they have requested to write their letters of recommendation to ensure that they are aware of this deadline.

b. **THIS YEAR ONLY, WE WILL EXCEPT APPLICATIONS AND ACCOMPANING DOCUMENTS BY EMAIL. ALL DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SENT AT ONE TIME.**

c. **MAY 7TH** Email notification sent to selected applicants detailing the place, date and time of their interview.

d. **All efforts will be made to notify Scholarship recipients by end of May, the date may be subject to change.**

e. Depending if the State’s Executive Order to Stay at Home is lifted and Award ceremonies are held, the Board of Director Members of the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce will make every effort to present checks at Award ceremonies at each school. If ceremonies are canceled, we will be mailing checks directly to the recipients.

**Miscellaneous**

If selected for an award, applicants consent to the use of their name, picture, and selected information from their application (excluding any contact information) in the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce Rob Ridder Scholarship Fund publicity. While the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce is committed to the youth of our community and to the offering of this program, it nonetheless reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to amend, augment, or cancel all or any part of this program at any time and for any reason. Questions may be addressed via email to: d cotton@ormondchamber.com.