

Red Black & Love, Inc.®

Scholarship Application Workshop

Purpose

Red Black & Love, Inc. was established in 2018 to provide financial assistance to deserving graduating seniors in New Hanover, Brunswick, Pender, and surrounding counties as they prepare to attend institutions of higher learning.



Objectives for today:

- Tips on completing the scholarship application.
- Guidance on writing college application essays.
- Information on financial planning and budgeting.



Qualifications

Applicants must be accepted as a full-time student at an accredited *college, university, or trade school/community college program* for the upcoming academic semester.

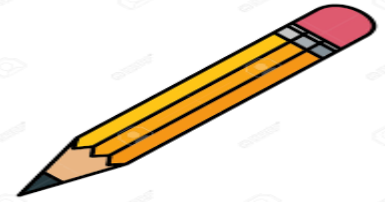
Applicants must currently hold a minimum weighted GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0) or 3.5 (on a 5.0 scale). All finalists will be contacted for a virtual and/or in-person interview with the *Red Black & Love, Inc. Scholarship Committee* in **January, 2026** (date and time TBA).

Scholarship applicants must apply for the FAFSA.

The recipient(s) of the scholarship(s) will attend a ***Red Black & Love Gala*** event on Saturday, February 07, 2026.



Tips for completing the application:



Answer all questions.

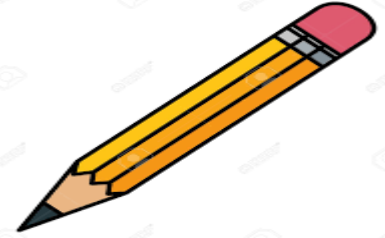
Watch your spelling and grammar (have someone proofread prior to submitting).

If a question does not pertain to you, respond “NA”.

Give your recommenders sufficient time to complete your letters;
Provide a copy of your resume.

Submit your application on time!

Essay-Writing Tips:



- ❑ Read the prompt carefully.
- ❑ Make sure that you respond to the prompt comprehensively.
- ❑ Take this opportunity to display your character.
- ❑ Showcase your unique qualities...stand out from the “crowd.”
- ❑ Check your grammar/spelling.
- ❑ Have someone else proofread for you.

Financial Planning & Budgeting Tips:



- Understand the different types of financial aid.
- Do your research.
- Determine what works best for you and your family.
- Avoid taking on too much student debt.
- Have a plan if you run out of money during college.
- Start developing savvy money habits today.

Scholarships

The Red Black & Love, Inc. Scholarship Fund awards scholarships based on a comprehensive process.

Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following:

Academic Accomplishments

Community Service

Financial Need





Important Dates/Information

The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is Friday, December 26th at 5:00 p.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Incomplete applications **will not** be considered. Applications must be submitted to: rbl.scholarship@gmail.com. A confirmation of receipt will be sent via email.

Award notification(s) will be given by **Friday, January 16, 2026**; the recipient(s) will be notified by email and/or by phone.

Awards will be given in installments (i.e. *fall and spring semester of freshman year*) and will be forwarded to the appropriate institution. The recipient(s) must provide the correct mailing address of the institution (*Financial aid and/or Bursar's office*). Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds; the final amount will be dependent upon the final number of chosen recipients (after the selection process).

Questions???



Please send your
questions to
rbl.scholarship@gmail.com.

Thank You

