



RICHARD B "DICK" WATSON
\$2,000 *STEM* SCHOLARSHIP
(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH)
APPLICATION

Deadlines to submit **on-line** application packet: March 1st



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WHAT IS THE WATSON SCHOLARSHIP?

The Richard B. "Dick" Watson \$2,000 STEM Scholarship (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) scholarship consists of two, one-time scholarships awarded each year to graduating seniors from either Redwood, Mt. Whitney, Golden West, or El Diamonte high schools who have demonstrated excellence in both the classroom and extracurricular activities:

Scholarship for one female - \$2000

Scholarship for one male - \$2000

REQUIREMENTS

- Must attend one of the above-listed Visalia public high schools for at least two years
- Must plan on pursuing a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics
- Must be accepted and planning to attend a four year accredited university/college
- Must graduate in good standing with a grade point average of 3.8 or higher
- Must demonstrate excellence and/or leadership in one or more extracurricular activities during time at a Visalia public high school. Examples: Varsity sport captain or MVP, Multiple Varsity sports, notable achievements in the Arts, recognition for excellence in academic competition (math club, science fair, design contest, etc.)
- Must be someone who will be obtaining a four year degree
- Must maintain a 2.5 or higher G.P.A. over the first year in college

SELECTION PROCESS

Scholarships are awarded through a competitive review process. Applications will be judged using the following criteria:

- 35% Activities
- 20% Test Scores (SAT or ACT)
- 20% GPA and rigor of classes
- 10% Written statement
- 10% Letters of Recommendation
- 5% Financial Need

Only two applicants, one female and one male, will receive an award each year.



The offer of a scholarship is valid only during the academic period for which the offer is made. A scholarship is not transferable to another eligible institution of education.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND FUNDING PROCEDURES

The Scholarship will be announced prior to June 1st. Students selected for the scholarship will be expected to attend the year-end awards ceremony to honor the recipient and to recognize the Foundation. The scholarship funds will be available in the first semester and second semester. Scholarship funding will be available for the academic year following the presentation of the award. The recipient will receive an email or letter of instruction along with their award.

WHAT ARE MY REQUIREMENTS IF I RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Write a letter of appreciation to your donor immediately. Forward your letter to the Foundation office:

Visalia Rotary Community Foundation
11878 Avenue 328
Visalia, CA 93291

The Foundation office must receive your letter of appreciation before funding can be approved for disbursement. Appreciation letters must be received no later than July 1st or you may jeopardize your scholarship funding.

Your scholarship funding will be released in two equal payments:

- Fall scholarship funding will be delivered to you September 15th
- Spring scholarship funding will be posted to your student account at the college after February 15th

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

All questions regarding your scholarship should be directed to:

Liz Wynn VRCFScholars@gmail.com



WHERE DO I SUBMIT THE APPLICATION?

It is the responsibility of the student applicant to submit a complete on-line application, recommendations and required attachments. ***Please note: this must include a copy of your high school transcripts, and SAT or ACT scores.**

No later than 12:00 p.m. on March 1st

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Applications must be completed in full. Incomplete or incorrect information will jeopardize your application
- The application consists of 5 sections that must be completed in full. Where appropriate make "NA" for not applicable. If you are not sure please contact Mrs. Wynn to verify your answer.
- **There are eight sections to the application:**
 - Three forms to be filled out by the applicant
 - Attach One copy of your high school transcripts (Attachments will be requested by the software after you have submitted the application)
 - Attach an essay by the applicant, this is your opportunity to present yourself in the best possible light to the Scholarship Review Committee
 - Attach a copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores (if applicable)
 - Two recommendations:
 - At least one of which must be from an eligible institution of education faculty member
 - **Scholarship recommendations from a relative are not acceptable**
 - It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the Foundation office receives all scholarship recommendations on-line no later than March 1st