



**Raleigh Claims Association
Scholarship Application
Must be received by: April 29th, 2011**

Name of Parent(s): _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____

University Selected: _____

List Other Scholarships Applied for: _____

Scholarships Received: _____

Separate Attachments Included (Circle one): Y N

High School Transcript

Copy of SAT Scores (If not included in the transcript):

Summary of Community/Volunteer Activities

Personal Letter from Applicant

Two Letters of Recommendation

Local Claims Association letter certifying membership for 2 years

One Photograph of Applicant

The information submitted with this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Committee Use:	Date Postmarked:	Missing Items: N	Y (List below)

Raleigh Claims Association Scholarship Guidelines

1. The Scholarship Awards will be made on an annual basis and will be presented at the Golf Outing and announced/recognized again during the Holiday Party.
2. Eligibility - The scholarship will be awarded to a biological child, step-child, foster child or adopted child of a member of the RCA who has been a resident of the State of North Carolina and a member of the RCA for not less than two years prior to the meeting at which the Scholarship Award is made, and who will graduate from high school in the year that the scholarship is awarded, and to one who has been accepted or has reason to believe that they will be accepted to a College or University. It will be required that the member shall share in one of the following: (1) Primary Custody; (2) Joint Custody; or (3) Financial Responsibility. Children of a member who is deceased, retired or medically disabled within the last two years, are also eligible.

Definitions:

1. Biological Child – A natural born child of a member (DNA not required).
2. Step Child – Not a natural born child of a member. A natural born child of a member's spouse.
3. Foster Child – A ward of the North Carolina Courts, State Agencies or Social Service Department. Relationship not required.
4. Adopted Child – As required by the North Carolina General Statutes. Order of Adoption must be finalized. Relationship not required.
5. Primary Custody – Having complete and sole care, custody and control of said child. Child's primary residence is with a member.
6. Joint Custody – The complete and sole care, custody and control of said child is shared equally with the member and the other parent. The child's primary residence is with the other parent.
7. Financial Responsibility – The member has legal responsibility to pay support.
8. The Scholarship to be awarded is as follows:
 - Raleigh Claims Association Scholarship
9. Disbursement of Scholarship funds will be left to the Discretion of the Board of Directors.
10. Applications for the Scholarship Award shall consist of the following information and will be reviewed as received.
 - A. Name of Parent
 - B. Name of Applicant
 - C. Address
 - D. Age
 - E. College or University Selected
 - F. A copy of High School Transcript including as a minimum the 12th grade record, the subject and grades for the first semester, and the courses in progress in the second semester if the grades for the second semester are not available at the time the application is submitted.
 - G. A copy of the S. A. T. scores if not included in the transcript.
 - H. A summary of the Community/Volunteer Activities on a sheet separate from the Personal Letter (I).
 - I. A personal letter from the Applicant explaining why he or she should be selected. The letter should detail the school and community activities he or she considers important in their life and why. The letter should differentiate between participation only and leadership in school and community activities.
 - J. Two letters of recommendation from faculty members of the high school where the applicant is now attending.
 - K. Local Claims Association letter certifying that the parent of the Applicant has been a resident of the State of North Carolina and a member of the RCA for two years or more.
 - L. A letter from the parent member summarizing their attendance and participation in RCA events/meetings. Involvement will be validated by the RCA Secretary.
 - M. Submit one photograph with application for publication in any news media. Provide name, mailing address and telephone number of local community newspaper for possible publication.
 - N. Any item specified but not received will automatically void the application.