

The Rob Cunningham Foundation Scholarship Application



Scholarship Description

Rob Cunningham was committed to being a “Man for Others,” a belief instilled in him since attending Boston College High School. He dedicated himself to making the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a better place. He played an active role in politics, whose talents contributed to countless victories around the South Shore and Cape Cod. Rob served as Executive Director of the Massachusetts Republican Party and went on to serve as the Commonwealth’s Director of Unemployment Assistance, where he brought a positive, reform-oriented leadership, and an agenda aimed at efficient solutions for improvement.

Along the way, Rob touched so many with his humor, wit, remarkable talents and unflappable nature. Most importantly, Rob was a family man, who loved his wife, Jen, took many family trips (especially to his favorite place: Disney World), and was a great dad to his daughter, Casey, and his young son, Robbie. Rob was an Eagle Scout and spent many hours volunteering for the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, hoping to be an impetus for positive change in Massachusetts in both simple ways and more complex.

The Rob Cunningham Foundation and Cunningham Family want to honor his memory by giving this scholarship(s) to those students who have already found ways to give back through their schools, communities, churches, or charities. It is not a need-based scholarship, and not necessarily given to the student with the highest grades, but will be awarded based on recommendations from teachers, counselors, church leaders, and civic leaders, combined with grades and an essay.

We will start accepting applications in February of each year. Applications must be postmarked no later than May 15th. Award recipients will be notified in June. Scholarship awards may vary. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the schools.

We hope Rob’s legacy will continue to encourage future leaders of our communities and neighborhoods.

Scholarship Guidelines and Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a scholarship, the student must:

1. Be a student who will be enrolling full time in the fall at an accredited institution of learning or an accredited technical school, or a student currently enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher learning or an accredited technical school.
2. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better (official transcript required).
3. Be a resident of Massachusetts.
4. Must Complete the “Scholarship Application Process” listed in full below.
5. Agree, along with his or her parent, to allow the use of their name and likeness for the purpose(s) of notifying the public of the award and/or fundraising purposes.

Scholarship Application Process

1. Applying student must meet the “Scholarship Guidelines and Eligibility Criteria” noted above
2. Applying student must complete the provided Rob Cunningham Foundation Scholarship Application.
3. The student applicant will submit a 500-word essay on one of the following topics:
 - The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
 - Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
4. The essay must be typewritten, minimum 12-point font, and have a cover page that indicates student’s name, address, and phone number. The essay must be the student’s original work and all essays submitted become the property of The Rob Cunningham Foundation.
5. The student applicant must submit at least two (2) recommendations from their school, church and/or civic leaders using the provided recommendation forms.
6. The student applicant must submit an official transcript.
7. The application and supporting documentation must be mailed in its entirety, to:

**The Rob Cunningham Foundation
C/O Scholarship Committee
4 Gallagher Drive
Plymouth, MA 02360**

8. Application, essay, and recommendations must be postmarked **no later than May 30th, 2023**.
9. The scholarship award winners will be notified in June.

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Directions:

1. Complete all items below. Please print clearly.
2. Application, essay, and recommendations must be postmarked **no later than May 30th, 2023.**
****If you are re-applying, you must send updated recommendations****
3. The application and supporting documentation must be mailed in its entirety, to:

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Personal Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home / Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Country: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student's Email: _____

Parent's Email: _____

Educational Information:

Current School: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Current School Address: _____

City: _____ Country: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ (official transcript required)

I plan to use this scholarship money to attend:

Name of accredited institution or technical school _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Country: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Student ID (if available) _____

Extracurricular and Community Activities or attach resume:

Organization/Activity Roles and Responsibilities

1.		
2.		
3.		

If space is needed for more activities, please submit on additional sheet of paper along with this application.

Honors and Awards:

Award/Honor:		Date:	
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If space is needed for more honors and awards, please submit on additional sheet of paper along with this application.

Essay:

The student applicant will submit a 500-word essay on one of the following topics:

- The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
- Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
- Tell us the best advice you've ever received, who told you it and if you followed the advice what was the outcome? If you did not follow the advice, what was the reason?

The essay must be typewritten, minimum 12-point font, and have a cover page that indicates student's name, address, and phone number. The essay must be the student's original work and all essays submitted become the property of The Rob Cunningham Foundation Scholarship.

Recommendations:

The student applicant must submit at least two (2) recommendations from their school, church and/or civic leaders using the provided recommendation forms (see attached form). ****If you are re-applying, you must submit new/updated recommendations****

Signatures:

I attest that the above information recorded is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and that the attached essay is entirely my own work. I also agree to allow the Rob Cunningham Foundation to use my name, essay and likeness for press and fundraising purposes.

Student's Signature:

_____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature:

_____ Date: _____

The student applicant for this scholarship must submit at least two (2) recommendations from their school, church and/or civic leaders using this recommendation form.

Student's Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Teacher/Leader's Recommendation:

How long have you known this student? _____

What has been your association with this student?

Why do you believe this student is a good candidate for The Rob Cunningham Foundation Scholarship, a scholarship given to students who demonstrate a clear understanding of the importance of "giving back" to his or her community, church, or school?

Use additional sheet of paper, if necessary.

Teacher/Leader's Name: _____

Teacher/Leader's Position: _____

Name and Address of Organization: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Teacher/Leader's Signature: _____ Date: _____

RTC Foundation Scholarship Application Teacher/Leader Recommendation Form

The student applicant for this scholarship must submit at least two (2) recommendations from their school, church, and civic leaders using this recommendation form.

Student's Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Teacher/Leader's Recommendation:

How long have you known this student? _____

What has been your association with this student?

Why do you believe this student is a good candidate for The Rob Cunningham Foundation Scholarship, a scholarship given to students who demonstrate a clear understanding of the importance of "giving back" to his or her community, church, or school?

Use additional sheet of paper, if necessary.

Teacher/Leader's Name: _____

Teacher/Leader's Position: _____

Name and Address of Organization: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Teacher/Leader's Signature: _____ Date: _____