**REF Scholarships 2021**

The Rochester Education Foundation is pleased to announce three scholarships available for college-bound Rochester City School District seniors for Spring 2021. The scholarships are the Founder’s Award, the Gholkar Award, and the Fazio Award. To be considered for any of these scholarships, counselors should nominate students using the nomination form provided below. Once a student has been nominated, the student then will complete the student form also provided below. Additionally, for counselors, please provide a copy of the student’s most recent high school transcript. Each scholarship is worth $1000. REF will review applications consistent with each scholarship’s guidelines and announce the awardee(s).

Scholarship nominations and student forms are due by March 2021. Applications can be emailed to info@rocherstereducation.org or sent via mail to Rochester Education Foundation, 250 Mill St., Rochester NY 14614. In April, REF will review each application and announce the awardee(s). The awards will be presented to the awardee(s) in May.

Nominated students should demonstrate leadership, excellence in academic studies, and good citizenship. For the Fazio Award, students should demonstrate excellence in math, and must be a student at Edison. Students can be nominated for more than one award. For all three scholarships, students must have already completed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Overview of each Scholarship:

* The Shashi Gholkar Scholarship Fund is provided by the Gholkar Family, REF, and the Rochester Area Community Foundation, in honor of the memory of Shashi Gholkar. This fund is intended to support a RCSD student who will attend a four year college or university. Shashi believed strongly in the power of education and that all children deserve the same opportunities regardless of their financial circumstances.
* The Vincent N. Fazio Memorial Fund was created to honor the memory of beloved math teacher Vincent N. Fazio. It is intended to provide support for an exceptional Edison senior in their educational and professional development. Applicants should demonstrate the qualities that Vincent exemplified; excellence and high achievement in academics, particularly math, service to their community and/or school, and good citizenship throughout their high school career.
* The Pat Braus Founder’s Award Scholarship is provided by REF in honor of REF’s founder, Pat Braus. Applicants for this award should exemplify the values of REF and Pat Braus. A student demonstrates these values through academic excellence and extraordinary service to their school or their community.

**Nomination Form**

High school counselor/teacher/administrator making nomination:

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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High School Senior being nominated:

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Grade-point average (Must be above 2.5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Language spoken at home \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College plans \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pat Braus Founder’s Award Scholarship

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Shashi Gholkar Scholarship Fund

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Vincent N. Fazio Memorial Fund (Edison only)

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What extraordinary service has this student provided to his school or his community?

How has this made a difference to others at the school or in the community?

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*Signature of person nominating the student*

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*Date*

*Rochester Education Foundation is an independent, not-for-profit organization that provides programs, resources and partnerships to support Rochester city students. For more information about Rochester Education Foundation, please go to rochestereducation.org*

**Student Form**

Student Contact Information:

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Have you completed the FAFSA? (You must complete the FAFSA to apply. If you have not filed the FAFSA please text 585-571-RCAN to make an appointment with our staff.)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Use the space provided below to write a paragraph answering the following question.

Possible essay topics:

* Why should you receive this award?
* Describe a time where you helped your community or high school.
* What are your college goals, and how will this award help you accomplish them?
* Describe an achievement you have made during your high school career. This can be related to high school, or something outside of high school, such as community involvement.
* Describe a time during your high school career where you overcame an obstacle or difficulty.
* How do you exemplify the values of the scholarship you are applying for?