

Frequently Asked Questions....

Can I work another job while completing this scholarship requirements?

No, you are required to work a full-time work week for the specified time period without holding another job. This is stipulated so that your service experience will be one of total immersion.

How do I know if the agency I choose fits the scholarship criteria?

Most non-profit agencies would meet the criteria, but, to be sure, you should get prior approval from Campus Ministry before completing your application. But the important aspect to consider is how “hands-on” you will be allowed; meaning, working directly with clients. Clerical or office work for the agency would not suffice.

How much is the typical scholarship award?

Although this depends on the amount in the scholarship endowment, the number of qualified applicants, and the length of service, it typically ranges from \$1000-\$3000.

If I receive a Miller Family scholarship, when will the money be applied to my financial aid package?

It will be posted at the beginning of the semester following the completion of your service.

INFORMATION for the Winter 2014 Miller Family Service Scholarship



“Love consists in sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves.

Love ought to show itself in deeds more than words.”

——St. Ignatius of Loyola

**Rockhurst University
Campus Ministry Office**

Application Deadline: Friday, October 31,

What is the Miller Family Service Scholarship?

This scholarship was established in 1981 by the children of Robert and Mary Jane Miller, long-time friends of Rockhurst, to honor their parent's example of life-long devotion to service. In 1996, the Miller's son, Richard and his wife Bernadette, added to this generous legacy by establishing a second scholarship.

The intention of these scholarships is to give Rockhurst full-time undergraduate students the opportunity to provide service and minister to those in need either during the winter or summer breaks, while receiving tuition financial assistance.

Who is eligible to receive the scholarship?

The award recipient must be a current, full-time undergraduate student at Rockhurst University. The applicant must demonstrate financial need.

When does the service take place?

There are two opportunities for students to volunteer during the year: A three (3) week period (120 hours of service) during the Rockhurst winter break or a five (5) week period (200 hours of service) during the wummer break.

Where are the volunteer sites?

The student should volunteer at an agency or organization that supports and provides services to adults or children with mental or physical needs, the marginalized, disadvantaged, or those suffering from abuse or neglect. The service can be performed in any city, and, on some occasions, international sites are approved. Some agencies where RU students have volunteered in the past include:

“Children’s TLC” in KC, MO; “Our Little Haven” in St. Louis; “The Children’s Place” in KC, MO; Catholic Charities in various cities; “The Keeler Women’s Center” in KC, KS; “Asian Community Center” in Lincoln, NE; “Our Lady’s Inn” in St. Louis; “El Centro” in KC, MO; “Big Brothers/Big Sisters” in Wisconsin

What is the application process?

4-6 weeks before the application is due:

- 1) Check with some agencies/organizations in your desired city to see if they would have the need for the required hours of “hands-on” service and be willing to provide the supervision required. If you need ideas for a service site, please contact a Campus Minister for some options.
- 2) Schedule an interview with Maureen Henderson, Director of Campus Ministry, member to review all of your service site options to determine the one that best fits the scholarship criteria.

Submit the Application on or before the deadline: (by Friday, October 31, 2014)

Submit the completed application form to the Campus Ministry Office (Massman 4) along with the following:

- a) a signed agreement from the agency stating what you would be doing and the dates of service. This should also list the name and contact information of your supervisor. For your convenience, this may be emailed to: maureen.henderson@rockhurst.edu
- b) a one-page essay on why you chose your agency and how you hope to make a difference in the lives of those you serve.

If you are awarded the scholarship...

- 1) You will sign a letter with Campus Ministry accepting the scholarship and agreeing to the requirements.
- 2) After completing your service, you will write a reflection essay describing your service and email it to the Director of Campus Ministry.
- 3) You will schedule an appointment with the Director to reflect on your service experience.
- 4) You will attend a noon luncheon in the Fall with the Benefactors and talk about your experience.