

# James T. “Tom” Russell Memorial Scholarship Application



Amount awarded: \$500 - \$1,000

Number of awards: up to 4

## **Scholarship criteria**

GPA 2.50 Minimum

Must be a senior at one of the Volusia County public high schools.

Student must plan to enter the field of education to become a teacher.

**This award is administered by FUTURES Foundation for Volusia County Schools.**

Applications are due by 5 p.m. February 15<sup>th</sup> and may be  
emailed to [FuturesFoundation@Volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:FuturesFoundation@Volusia.k12.fl.us)

or mailed to:

**FUTURES Foundation**

**Attn: Russell Scholarship Committee**

**3750 Olson Drive**

**Daytona Beach, FL 32124**

**If mailed, application must be postmarked before the deadline  
to be considered for scholarship.**

For questions concerning the application, please contact FUTURES Foundation at  
386.255.6475, ext. 50730, or [FuturesFoundation@Volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:FuturesFoundation@Volusia.k12.fl.us).

## **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:**

- Completed application
- Essay, minimum 1,000 words double spaced and typed
- One reference letter from an educator
- Most recent transcript (from high school and/or college if dual enrolled)

**Type or print entire application neatly in black ink or computer generate.**

A. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Your mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

What high school do you attend/plan to graduate from this year? \_\_\_\_\_

**B. If you live at home with your parent(s)/guardian(s), complete the related section below.  
If not skip to Section C.**

Parent's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employment \_\_\_\_\_

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Do your parent(s)/guardian(s), work in Volusia County Schools?  No  One  Both

If yes, please list work site location(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Number of people living in your home** \_\_\_\_\_

Annual family/household income (please check one):

\_\_\_\_\_ \$0 reported income

\_\_\_\_\_ Below \$50,000

\_\_\_\_\_ \$50,000 - \$80,000

\_\_\_\_\_ Above \$80,000

Number of family members attending college or planning to attend next year **including** you \_\_\_\_\_

D. Please outline your work experience, high school activities and community activities. Be sure to mention any education related experience (such as tutoring, teaching, etc. )

List your work experience during the past four years, starting with the most current:

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Start/End Date</b>	<b>Describe your position &amp; duties</b>

List your high school activities (you may attach additional sheet, if necessary):

<b>Organization/Activity</b>	<b>Year/Grade</b>	<b>Position Held/Involvement</b>

List your community and/or other activities outside of school (you may attach additional sheet, if necessary):

<b>Organization/Activity</b>	<b>Year/Grade</b>	<b>Position Held/Involvement</b>

E. College or university you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_ Intended college major \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to teach in the Volusia County School District:  Yes  No  Maybe

List any financial aid and/or scholarship that you have applied for/will be receiving. Please attach extra page if needed.

Scholarship Name	Amount per year	Status

**F. Essay – please type and include with scholarship application. Minimum font size 12-point, minimum word count 1,000 and maximum not to exceed 1,500 words. Most scholarships will be chosen solely on the information contained in this essay, so be specific and state your need clearly.**

Your essay should address the following (approximately one paragraph each):

- Explain why you want to become a teacher. What draws you into this profession? Did you have a teacher that made a positive impact in your life and/or encouraged you to become a teacher? If so, please tell us about this person and the impact they made on you.
- Briefly explain your college and career plans for becoming an educator.
- Provide information about your personal financial need, if applicable. Personal challenges and hardships may also be considered by the selection committee when awarding this scholarship.
- Provide any other information you feel would help in the selection process. Honors, awards, clubs, volunteer time, leadership roles and extra-curricular activities may be included in your essay; however, please do not send certificates, resumes or other documents as they will be discarded and not considered.

## SCHOLARSHIP STATEMENT

I understand that:

- (a) if my application is incomplete or does not contain all items from the required list, my application will not be considered, acknowledged, or returned,
- (b) most scholarships will be decided based solely on the essay,
- (c) those other than FUTURES Foundation staff may review my application for the selection process,
- (d) only those chosen to be interviewed will be notified of interview date/time,
- (e) if requested, I must attend an interview or be disqualified,
- (f) only the recipients of the scholarship will be notified by graduation.

I further understand and agree that if I am chosen as a recipient:

- (a) I will attend the Senior Awards program at my high school to receive the award,
- (b) I will send a thank you note to FUTURES Foundation which may be publicly shared with others,
- (c) my scholarship check will not be released until my College Information Sheet AND a copy of my thank you note has been received by the FUTURES Foundation office,**
- (d) the FUTURES Foundation may use my name and photo to publicize my award without any further compensation,
- (e) if I change colleges/universities, it is my responsibility to request that the balance of funds be transferred back to FUTURES Foundation to be reissued to the college I will be attending. I will notify FUTURES Foundation of this in writing,
- (f) all monies received from a one-time award must be used within one year of my high school graduation. Any money remaining after that time will revert back to FUTURES Foundation,
- (g) all scholarship checks will be sent on/about July 1 for fall enrollment IF the above-mentioned paperwork is returned to FUTURES Foundation.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Birth if over 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required if student is under 18 years of age)

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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