



## Class of 2025

# Daniel S. DiClemente Student Scholarship

BENTE, the Board of Education Non-Teaching Employees Union, represents over 1,200 support staff workers in the Rochester City School District in the areas of Transportation, Clerical, School Safety Officers, Maintenance, Custodial, Occupational and Physical Therapy, Storehouse, Food Service, and Attendance. We are *"The Support Staff That Supports Students!"*

In 2009, Daniel S. DiClemente, the President of BENTE Local 2419 (2002-2023), instituted the BENTE Scholarship as a way for BENTE to give back to our community, particularly the students of the Rochester City School District. As of 2025, we have renamed the scholarship in honor of President DiClemente, in recognition of his long-time service to Rochester and its students and families.

BENTE will award two \$500 scholarships, one each to two Rochester City School students in an effort to help defray costs of attendance upon acceptance to a 2-4 college degree program or certificate/degree program in the trades industries.

Applications **MUST** be received at the Board of Education Non-Teaching Employees (BENTE) Union Office: **BENTE/AFSCME Local 2419, 1956 Lyell Ave, Suite B, Rochester NY 14606; (585) 458-8670, Fax: (585) 413-3545**, by **Friday, April 25, 2025**, and marked ATTN: Ange Palmerini, President. Applications may also be submitted via email to: [idalie@bentelocal2419.org](mailto:idalie@bentelocal2419.org)

All applicants will receive an acknowledgement from the BENTE Union.

Final decision will be made by **Friday, May 9, 2025**.

A rating system of 100 points will be used in determining the winner:

1. Up to 30 points: Academic Performance (must attach transcript)
2. Up to 35 points: Biographical Information and Statement of Need  
Applicants Essay/Letter of Career Interest
3. Up to 20 points: Recommendations by Counselors and/or Teachers
4. Up to 15 points: Community/Extra-Curricular Involvement  
(Applicant is encouraged to attach a separate sheet and list all activities during his/her high school career.)

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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/QUESTIONS, ETC  
PLEASE CONTACT THE BENTE OFFICE at 458-8670**

**Board of Education Non-Teaching Employees**  
**(BENTE)**  
**Daniel S. DiClemente Student Scholarship Application**  
**Scholarship Guidelines**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**FUTURE PLANS**

- An applicant for this scholarship must have applied for or been admitted to an accredited vocational school, business school, two-year college, or a four-year college with the intention of preparing for a career.
- List schools to which you have applied:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Have you been accepted?      ☐ Yes      ☐ No
- If yes, list school, date of acceptance, and major:

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to completing this form, please submit the following:

- Official transcript of grades
- Biographical Information and Statement of Need
- A minimum of three (3) letters of recommendation. Letters can be from a: teacher, coach, counselor, mentor, or workplace supervisor; letters cannot be from a relative
- Community and extra-curricular activities

# Board of Education Non-Teaching Employees (BENTE)

## Daniel S. DiClemente Student Scholarship Application

1. Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

2. Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Zip Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Name and address of high school you now attend \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Date you will graduate from high school \_\_\_\_\_

6. List school extra-curricular activities including athletics, music, etc., and offices held. (If more space is needed, please attach another sheet.)

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7. Academic Awards or Honors:

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8. List your community activities (non-school) including all offices held:

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9. Have you worked part-time during your school career? If so, please list.

Dates

Place of Employment

Primary Responsibility

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10. Attach to this page an essay entitled, "The career path I have chosen." Your essay should specify an area of interest. You may also wish to include how you became interested in that particular field. Feel free to share any influences and long and/or short-term goals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND STATEMENT OF NEED**

1. Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_
3. Father's Address \_\_\_\_\_
4. Mother's Address \_\_\_\_\_
5. Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
6. Number of dependent siblings and their ages \_\_\_\_\_
7. Number of dependent siblings/parents also attending college \_\_\_\_\_
8. Will you have other assistance (social security benefits, etc.)? [ ☐ ] Yes [ ☐ ] No
9. Have you received any other scholarships and/or financial aid? If so, please list below:

| Source | Amount |
|--------|--------|
| _____  | _____  |
| _____  | _____  |
| _____  | _____  |

10. How much additional assistance do you feel you will need to continue your education after graduating from high school? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is your chosen major? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What are your career plans? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Please check the range of your family's annual income:

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|--|--|--|
| [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Below \$15,000    | [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] \$25,000-\$29,999 | [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] \$40,000-\$44,999 |
| [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] \$15,000-\$19,999 | [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] \$30,000-\$34,999 | [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] \$45,000-\$49,999 |
| [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] \$20,000-\$24,999 | [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] \$35,000-\$39,999 | [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] \$50,000 or above |

14. I, the applicant, certify that the above is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date