

## *School of the Arts Counseling Department (Grades 10-12)*

# NEWSLETTER

February 14, 2025

## NEWS/UPDATES

### COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

- ❖ Counselors will be meeting with seniors starting in the next couple of weeks to review graduation requirements, transcripts, and discuss plans for after graduation.

#### College Research Websites:

- **College Board Big Future:** <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- **State University of New York (SUNY):** [www.suny.edu](http://www.suny.edu)
- **SchoolLinks-** access through RoConnect dashboard
- ❖ **Create a Common Application account:** [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) and remember to write down your username and password to access in the fall
- ❖ **Please add ALL colleges you are applying to in your SchoolLinks account.** **SchoolLinks is our new College & Career platform. We are no longer using Naviance. SchoolLinks can be accessed through your RoConnect dashboard.** This is how we will send transcripts, school reports, and letters of recommendation. You can access SchoolLinks through your ROConnect dashboard on your Chromebook. Please see our **College Application Process** document for more information-  
<https://www.rcsdk12.org/cms/lib/NY01001156/Centricity/Domain/5271/College%20Application%20Process%20for%20Seniors.pdf>.

**Rochester College Access Network:** <http://rochestercan.org/>. For help with college/financial aid related questions and FAFSA Fest information.

**RCSD College Ready Resource Page:** <https://www.rcsdk12.org/Page/55421>

**NEW YORK STATE HESC (Higher Education Services Corporation):**

<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/>

**FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)-** Online form available December 2024-

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

**SUNY (State University of New York) UPDATES:** [www.suny.edu](http://www.suny.edu)

# **Rochester High School Seniors:** **25-26 FAFSA Open NOW!**



## **GET HELP COMPLETING YOUR FAFSA!**

**FAFSA** (The Free Application for Federal Student Aid) helps determine your eligibility for financial aid, including grants, loans, and work-study programs. Fill it out annually to maximize your financial support for college.

## **Helpful Info:**

- **Get money to attend school!**
- Create your FSA ID now
- Parents need to complete this too
- Eligibility based on 2023 income

## **LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?**

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**Monroe Community College**  
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## SAT/ ACT UPDATES

### SAT SCHOOL DAY FOR JUNIORS- MARCH 20th

Weekend Test Administrations: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

SAT Test Dates		
SAT		
Saturday Test Dates - Fall 2024 / Spring 2025		
Test Date	Reg Deadline	Late Reg Deadline [+ \$]
October 5	September 20	September 24
November 2	October 18	October 22
December 7	November 22	November 26
March 8	February 21	February 25
May 3	April 18	April 22
June 7	May 22	May 22

RECOMMENDED TEST DATES FOR JUNIORS

Visit [www.sat.collegeboard.org](https://www.sat.collegeboard.org) to register.  
SOTA School Code: 3 3 4 8 3 5

ACT- <https://www.act.org/>

**READY. SET. ACT**

**2024-2025 Test Dates**

**SEP. 14** **OCT. 26**  
**DEC. 14** **FEB. 8**  
**APR. 5** **JUN. 14** **JUL. 12**

**Choose Paper And Pencil Or Online**  
Do your best on the test by opting for the format you are most comfortable with: the ACT can be taken in either **paper and pencil** format or **online**. Embrace the flexibility of choosing the testing format that lets you showcase your true potential.

**No Time To Register?**  
Sign up to receive a reminder of registration deadlines!  
[act.org/bts](https://act.org/bts)

**Fee Waivers**  
Ask your counselor if you qualify for a fee waiver to take the ACT test for free. Fee waivers cover registration fees for up to 4 national tests, unlimited score reports, and provide free access to The Official ACT® Self-Paced Course. Powered by Kaplan® and Test Information Release (TIR) on eligible test dates.

**Wish you could see your answers alongside the correct answers after taking a test?**  
With the ACT, you can order your Test Information Release (TIR) question and answer key for three test dates a year. More test takers improved their scores — and their gains were twice as high on average — after purchasing their TIR than test takers who did not use a TIR or other test prep. Learn more at [act.org/tir](https://act.org/tir).

Register online at [act.org/bts](https://act.org/bts)

Please see your counselor if you think you may qualify for an SAT or ACT fee waiver.

**SAT Test Day Reminders- Arrive at your testing site on time, bring your Admission Ticket, photo ID, a calculator, #2 pencils, and any drink/snack you would like. You will not be admitted without your Admission Ticket and Photo ID.**



## COLLEGE VISITS @ SOTA

- ❖ **SOTA will host visits with College Admissions Representatives on Tuesdays and Thursdays.** We have College Admissions Representatives from the schools list below coming to SOTA. If you are interested in meeting with any of these colleges, please register through your SchoolLinks account, which can be found on your RoConnect dashboard. Once you are on your SchoolLinks account, go to the tabs on the left side of the screen, click on "School", then "Events". Here you will find a list of all the colleges signed up to visit SOTA and you can register to attend. All visits will be in the Ensemble Theatre unless otherwise noted.

## COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES/ COLLEGE FAIRS

- ❖ **SUNY Campus Visit Opportunities-** [suny.edu/visit](https://suny.edu/visit)
- ❖ **SUNY Virtual Information Sessions-** [suny.edu/studentevents](https://suny.edu/studentevents)
- ❖ **SUNY Delhi-** March 29. [www.delhi.edu/openhouse](https://www.delhi.edu/openhouse)
- ❖ **NY State Higher Education Services Corporation Virtual Events- Senior Basics Presentation:** Designed to equip high school seniors with essential information and tools for a smooth transition to college. Topics include application process, financial aid, scholarships, and time management skills. Seniors will gain valuable insights and practical advice. Go to [https://hesc.ny.gov/get-help/find-event/event-calendar/senior-basics-presentation/?featured\\_date=1406](https://hesc.ny.gov/get-help/find-event/event-calendar/senior-basics-presentation/?featured_date=1406) to register for an upcoming session.
- ❖ **SUNY Niagara College & Career Information Day-** March 4, SUNY Niagara & Niagara Falls Culinary Institute. Go to <https://ncccaply.niagaracc.suny.edu/register/?id=0dda455d-c5ad-4703-a9a6-861a1f22ce1b> for more information and to register.
- ❖ **RIT/ NTID (National Technological Institute for the Deaf Open House-** April 18 or April 25. Go to [https://join.rit.edu/portal/ntid\\_springOH?utm\\_campaign=NTID-ugrd-springoh&utm\\_content=tod-dhh&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=slate](https://join.rit.edu/portal/ntid_springOH?utm_campaign=NTID-ugrd-springoh&utm_content=tod-dhh&utm_medium=email&utm_source=slate) to register.
- ❖ **Fashion Institute of Technology Discovery Day-** March 22. Go to <https://fitnyc.askadmissions.net/Portal/EI/ViewDetails?gid=6235778ca6d82512fc48dab6f9992b4d436f3f> to register.
- ❖ **SUNY Morrisville Spring Open House-** March 29. Go to <https://admissions.morrisville.edu/register/march29-openhouse> to register.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- **SOME OF THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SOTA WEBSITE. Go to Counselor's Corner and click "Scholarship File Cabinet".**
- **Go to SchoolLinks- Finances tab to access more scholarships and scholarship matching.**
- **Go to [www.studentscholarships.org](https://www.studentscholarships.org) , [www.fastweb.com](https://www.fastweb.com), <https://www.goingmerry.com/> or <https://www.racf.org/scholarships/search-for-scholarships/> to find more private scholarships you may be eligible for.**



- ❖ **Rochester Institute of Technology Rochester Destler/Johnson City Scholars Program-** For any senior interested in attending RIT and is accepted under regular admission, meets the requirements, and has a household income under \$70,000/ year. Full tuition scholarship (does not include room and board). Please see your counselor if interested. Must apply to RIT and submit FAFSA by January 15.



The flyer features a top header with a black and white photo of a smiling man and woman, with the RIT logo in orange. Below this is a section titled "Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars" in white text on a black background. The main body of the flyer is white with orange accents. It includes a paragraph about the program's history and purpose, followed by a section titled "Scholarship Program Requirements:" with a list of eight bullet points. To the right of the requirements is a section titled "DDI Summer Experience" in orange, which includes a quote from a first-year student, Lah May Paw, and a photo of a large group of students sitting on the grass. The photo has an orange overlay with the text "2024 SUMMER" in white.

**RIT**

## Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars

**The Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars Program** was created in 2010. This unique program offers full-tuition scholarships for full-time first-year students from public, including select charter, high schools within the Rochester City School District, and the Urban-Suburban Interdistrict Transfer Program.

**Admitted students are eligible for full tuition** covered through a combination of RIT scholarships and state and federal need-based grants.

### Scholarship Program Requirements:

- Students must live in the city and attend an approved high school within the district, or Urban Suburban school, for the last three years of high school.
- **Students should apply for admission by January 15** to ensure full consideration. **The \$65 application fee is waived.** (Applications received after January 15 will be considered as long as space and funds remain available.)
- Must be accepted through RIT's regular admission standards and **enroll full-time** at RIT in the fall semester after graduation.
- The high school counselor, or Urban Suburban Program Director, must submit RIT's electronic Student Eligibility Certification form.
- Must file a valid FAFSA and be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen to be reviewed by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. The student's total annual family income (including taxed and untaxed income) must not exceed \$75,000.
- **Once the offer of admission is accepted, the \$500 enrollment deposit will be waived.**

**DDI Summer Experience**

Students admitted to the Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars program are required to participate in the **Division of Diversity and Inclusion's Summer Experience**, which is a fully funded residential summer program providing personalized one-on-one academic coaching, academic skills enhancement, a strong support network, and the opportunity to **earn up to six RIT college credits.**

**First-year, Lah May Paw, was asked: How did the DDI Summer Experience help her prepare for her first semester, academically and socially:**

"The DDI SE program helped prepare me for my first semester by showing me how I can stay on track with my classes and spend time with my friends. I need to make a weekly or monthly planner in order to succeed academically and socially. The program also opened a connection for me. With my peer advisor and my academic coach, I now know where to get help, make new friends, join clubs, and receive information that might interest me."

**2024 SUMMER**

- ❖ **University of Rochester- Rochester Promise Program-** For any senior interested in attending U of R and is accepted under regular admission, meets the requirements, and has a household income under \$137,400/ year. Full tuition scholarship (does not include room and board). Please see your counselor if interested.
- ❖ **Excelsior Scholarship-** For any senior interested in attending a SUNY or CUNY school and is accepted under regular admission, meets the requirements, and has a household income under \$100,000/ year. Full tuition scholarship (does not include room and board). Go to <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/the-excelsior-scholarship.html> for more information and to apply.
- ❖ **St. John Fisher College- Fisher Urban Scholar Award-** \$40,000 over 4 years for first-year undergraduates from the RCSD that are accepted to St. John Fisher College. Students will also be eligible to receive additional merit aid and scholarships, including the Service Scholarship and First Generation Scholarship.
- ❖ **College Board BIG FUTURE Scholarships-** This is a scholarship program for **JUNIORS** and **SENIORS**. Monthly scholarship winners are drawn when you complete steps. Go to <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships?excmid=vt-00248> for more information and to get started
- ❖ **Rochester Area Community Foundation (RACF) Scholarships-** RACF has many scholarships available, some specifically for RCSD seniors. Go to [racf.org/scholarships](https://racf.org/scholarships) to search for scholarships and apply. Deadline to apply- February 28.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

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**130+ LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**\* NEW \* CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION Due February 28**

**Find more info at [racf.org/Scholarships](https://racf.org/Scholarships)**

- ❖ **Daughters of the American Revolution Polly F. Burke Memorial Scholarship**- For any senior with an outstanding academic record, planning to attend college, demonstrates community service. \$1000 award. Go to the scholarship file cabinet for application. Deadline to apply- March 1.
- ❖ **Niagara University Full Flight Scholarship**- For students that are admitted to Niagara and whose family income is \$80,000 or less per year. This is a full tuition grant (\$37,000/ year). Applicants must file their FAFSA form to qualify. <https://www.niagara.edu/>
- ❖ **BigSun Athletic Scholarship**- All senior student-athletes are eligible to apply. \$500 award. Go to <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> for more information and to apply. Deadline- June 19.
- ❖ **The Summit Federal Credit Union Scholarship Program**- Four scholarships available:

**New York Credit Union Association Scholarship** (deadline to apply- January 17)- Must be a member in good standing at any New York credit union and plan to attend college in the fall.

**Summit's 2025 Scholarship Program** (deadline to apply- February 28)- Must be a current member of the Summit Federal Credit Union (new members welcome to apply) and plan to attend college in the fall.

**Rochester Chapter of the New York Credit Union Association Scholarship** (deadline to apply- February 28)- Must be a member in good standing of New York credit union.

**Summit's Skilled Trade Scholarship**- (deadline to apply- February 28)- Must be a current member of the Summit Federal Credit Union (new members welcome to apply) and plan to pursue an Associate's Degree, Certificate, or diploma at a trade school, technical certificate program, or apprentice program.

Go to <https://www.summitfcu.org/join-the-summit/services-benefits/scholarships/> for more information on each scholarship and how to apply.

- ❖ **IBERO Scholarship**- For any senior of Hispanic origin planning to attend college in the fall, 3.0 GPA or better. At least one parent of Hispanic origin from one of the following places: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, Uruguay or Venezuela. Go to Scholarship File Cabinet or see your counselor for an application. Deadline to apply- March 7.
- ❖ **The New Dawn Scholarship**- For senior, female students planning to major in community development- Health, Human Services, Psychology, Community Engagement or Education or any other field that would have a positive impact on the Hispanic community in Rochester. Go to Scholarship File Cabinet for application or see your counselor. Deadline to apply- March 7.



- ❖ **Charlotte Community Association (CCA) Scholarship**- For any senior that resides in the Charlotte neighborhood of the city and plans to attend college, trade school, or vocational/technical program in the fall. \$1000 award. Go to scholarship file cabinet for application or online <https://charlottecca.org/latest-news/2018-scholarship-application/> . Deadline to apply- June 30.
- ❖ **Nazareth University/ RCSD Direct Admission Program**- Any senior with a B average (80) or higher will be eligible for Direct Admissions to Nazareth and offered \$23,000/ annually. Seniors must apply to Nazareth through the Common Application. <https://www2.naz.edu/admissions/rochester-city-school-district-naz>
- ❖ **Rochester Education Foundation Scholarships**- For any college-bound RCSD senior, three scholarships are available- **Pat Braus Founder's Community Service Award Scholarship, Edward Wilson Sr. Memorial Scholarship, Shashi Gholkar Memorial Scholarship**. Go to <https://rochestercan.org/scholarships/our-scholarships.html> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- March 31.
- ❖ **Tri Delta Rochester Alumnae Chapter Scholarship**- For female seniors planning to attend college in the fall. Go to the scholarship file cabinet for application and instructions, but all applications must be submitted electronically. Submit your documents electronically at <https://forms.gle/ZZ5nqHkd7h2Lnud7>. Please contact your counselor to send required transcript and recommendations. Deadline to apply- March 30.
- ❖ **Student-View Scholarship** - For any senior that plans to attend college or trade school in the fall. Take a survey about colleges in the area and your name will be entered for a random drawing. Awards range from \$500- \$5,000. Go to [www.student-view.com](http://www.student-view.com) to apply. Deadline to apply- April 23.
- ❖ **Horatio Alger Association Scholarship**- For **JUNIORS** planning to attend college after high school, 2.50 minimum GPA, demonstrate financial need, participate in extracurricular activities and community service, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity. Go to <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- March 1.
- ❖ **2025 Molly Efron Technical Women's Scholarship**- All female Monroe County high school graduating seniors who are attending a STEM program at an accredited four-year college or university in the Fall of 2025 are eligible. Two winners will be presented with a \$1,000 scholarship and will be selected based upon their GPA, a letter of recommendation, and an essay. The applicants can complete both the online application and essay via this link: [Application for the 2025 Molly Efron Technical Women's Scholarship](#) Along with a letter of recommendation and official transcript. The application, essay and other required documents must be received no later than 5:00 pm on March 7.
- ❖ **Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Scholarship**- For seniors with documented hearing loss who plan to attend college or vocational training in the fall. Go to <https://www.hearinglossrochester.org/forms-publications> for more information. Deadline to apply- April 11.
- ❖ **Abbott and Fenner Scholarship**- For any senior planning to attend college. Award up to \$1,000. Go to <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- June 10.

- ❖ **AES Engineering Scholarship**- \$500 award, essay required. Go to [https://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php#google\\_vignette](https://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.php#google_vignette) for more information and to apply.
- ❖ **Family First Federal Credit Union Len Szumiloski Scholarship**- For any senior who is a member of the credit union (or becomes a member) planning to attend 2-year or 4-year college or trade school next year. \$2,000 each. Go to <https://home.familyfirstny.com/2025-scholarship-application/>. Deadline to apply- March 15.
- ❖ **WRSS Scholarship Foundation**- For any senior planning to attend 2-year college, 4-year college, or vocational institution in the fall. \$1000 award. Go to <https://wrssscholarshipfoundation.org/scholarship/> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- April 19.
- ❖ **Young Women of Distinction Scholarship Award**



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY: **APPLY NOW!**

 **YOUNG WOMEN OF DISTINCTION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**  
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Are you an accomplished **female high school senior** in the Greater Rochester area who excels in **leadership & community service** with an innate ability to express yourself?

**If so, apply for our Young Women of Distinction scholarship award today!**

**Scholarship Application Link:**  
Apply online by **Friday, March 21, 2025**



The **Young Women of Distinction Scholarship award**, presented by Greater Rochester Chamber and its Women's Council initiative, has **honored exceptional female high school seniors for over 25 years**. Modeled after the ATHENA International Awards, the Young Women of Distinction program celebrates young women who demonstrate leadership, community involvement, and a commitment to being an inspiration to others.

**Questions?** [Gena.Stein@GreaterRochesterChamber.com](mailto:Gena.Stein@GreaterRochesterChamber.com)

## NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

- ❖ **Rochester Teachers Association Scholarships**- 5 scholarships available (see below).  
All scholarship applications due by April 25.  
Go to the scholarship file cabinet or see your counselor for an application.
  - **General Scholarship**- For any senior planning to attend college in the fall, 3.0 unweighted GPA, demonstrates financial need, \$1000 award.
  - **Scott Spino Teaching Scholarship**- For any senior planning to attend college in the fall to pursue teaching, 3.0 GPA, demonstrates financial need, \$1000 award.
  - **Gordon Dorway Science Award**- For any senior planning to attend college in the fall to pursue a degree in science, 3.0 GPA, demonstrates financial need, \$1000 award.
  - **Ken Silvio Technology Scholarship**- For any senior planning to attend college in the fall to pursue technology or technology in teaching, 3.0 GPA, \$1000 award.
  - **Scholarship for the child of an RTA member** in good standing (can also be a deceased parent)- \$1000 award. Must call RTA office (546-2681) for application.
- ❖ **ESL Federal Credit Union Scholarship**- For any senior that is a member at ESL in good standing, planning to attend 2 or 4-year college in the fall. \$2000 award. Go to [www.esl.org/scholarship](http://www.esl.org/scholarship) to apply or see your counselor for an application. Deadline to apply- March 7.
- ❖ **Julie and Dick Baker Memorial Scholarship**- For any RCSD senior planning to study a STEM field in college or technical school in the fall, 3.0 minimum GPA, demonstrate financial need. \$1000 award renewable for following three years. Go to <https://juliebakermemorialgolf.com/scholarship> to apply. Deadline to apply- March 31.
- ❖ **Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 Scholarship**- High school seniors of Italian descent, planning to continue study at an accredited educational institution following high school graduation. Go to <https://sonsofitalyrochester.com/scholarships.htm> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- March 31.
- ❖ **Corn Hill Neighbors Association Tysean Williams Memorial Scholarship**- For any senior planning to attend 2 or 4 year college in the fall, 2.5 GPA. Essay required- “Describe what you see as the systemic causes of violence in your world, within yourself and your goals for yourself.” \$3,500 award. Go to the scholarship file cabinet for application. Deadline to apply- April 30.
- ❖ **Michael F. Contestabile Memorial Fund**- For any senior who has been affected by pancreatic cancer due to a family member’s diagnosis or death. \$2,500 award. Go to scholarship file cabinet for application.
- ❖ **Hagan Scholarship Foundation**- For any senior with a GPA of 90 or above planning to attend a four-year college or university in the fall, must work 240 hours from January 2025 through September 2025. Household income can not exceed \$100,00 per year. Awards up to \$7,500 per semester. Go to [www.hsfmo.org](http://www.hsfmo.org) for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- March 15.



- ❖ **Stephen A. Segar Epilepsy Scholarship**- For any senior with epilepsy planning to attend college in the fall. \$3,500 award. Go to scholarship file cabinet for application. Deadline to apply- April 30.
- ❖ **The Rochester Twenty Pearls Foundation N. Evelyn Brandon Memorial Scholarships**- Sponsored by Delta Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Category I- for any senior planning to attend college in the fall, 3.0 GPA. Category II- for any senior planning to attend a Historically Black College or University in the fall, 2.5 GPA. Go to scholarship file cabinet for application. Deadline to apply extended to - April 15.
- ❖ **Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Clara D. Bishop Award**- For any female senior planning to attend college in the fall to pursue a degree in teaching or education. \$2000 per year. Go to the scholarship file cabinet for application. Deadline to apply- March 1.
- ❖ **Gamma Iota Boule Foundation**- Several scholarships available for seniors of African descent. Please read the descriptions carefully as some scholarships are designated for students already in college. Go to scholarship filing cabinet for application. Deadline to apply- March 1.

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- ❖ **ESL Federal Credit Union/ Monroe Community College Save for Success Program**- For any senior planning to attend MCC in the fall. Sign up for Save for Success with coordinator Dan Ercolano (260-9329), attend financial workshop, open account at ESL, set a savings goal of \$375 within 18 months, receive 8-1 match funds (up to \$3,000) for tuition, fees, books, and supplies at MCC.
- ❖ **Explorers Program**- Career Exploration programs in many different fields around the Rochester area. Go to <https://www.exploring.org/> to search what programs are available in our area.
- ❖ **Explorers Program- IIDA Rochester City Center of Interior Design Post Meeting**- January 22, 6:00 pm, 106 Despatch Dr. #2, East Rochester, NY 14445.
- ❖ **Guided Pathway Support Program for Juniors and Seniors**- The program is a part of the Ron Brown Scholar Program. It is a free, online, African American college advising community- advising services, mentorship, accepts students all year. Go to <https://rbsgps.com/> for more information and to apply.
- ❖ **University of Rochester PreCollege Programs**- <https://admissions.rochester.edu/pre-college/programs/>
- ❖ **University of Rochester Online Pre-College Programs**- New program for students ages 13+ to explore subjects they may wish to pursue in college, taught by professors, supported by mentors. Currently offering courses in Biomedical Engineering, U.S. Healthcare, and Personalized Medicine. Go to <https://rochesteronline.precollegeprograms.org/> for more information and to apply.
- ❖ **Alfred University Pre-College Summer Institute**- <https://www.alfred.edu/about/community/summer-camps/>
- ❖ **New York University Tisch Summer High School Arts Program**- <https://tisch.nyu.edu/special-programs/high-school-programs/tisch-summer-high-school>
- ❖ **SUNY New Paltz Summer Honors Program**- [https://www.newpaltz.edu/summer-honors/?utm\\_campaign=honors&utm\\_content=honors&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=slate&utm\\_term=25\\_summer](https://www.newpaltz.edu/summer-honors/?utm_campaign=honors&utm_content=honors&utm_medium=email&utm_source=slate&utm_term=25_summer)
- ❖ **NYSSSA (New York State Summer School of the Arts) In-Residency Arts Program at SUNY Fredonia- July 6- August 2**. For students in grades 8-12 interested in Visual Arts, Media Arts, or Theatre. Go to <https://www.oce.nysed.gov/summerarts> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- March 14.
- ❖ **Project Campfire**- For any student of Jewish faith interested in attending summer sleep away camp at Camp Seneca Lake for FREE. Go to <https://www.farashfoundation.org/project-campfire/> for more information.
- ❖ **Monroe County Sheriff's Office Teen Police Academy**- Designed to give students in grades 9-12 across Monroe county an introduction to law enforcement training. There is no charge to attend. The first academy class will be held from July 7- July 11, 8am-4pm; the second academy class will be held July 21-July 25, 8am-4pm. Application must be received by March 14. Go to <https://www.monroecountysheriff-ny.gov/community-engagement/teen-police-academy> for more information and to apply or see your counselor for an application.
- ❖ **University of Delaware Summer College Experience**- July 20-August 9. [www.udel.edu/edge](http://www.udel.edu/edge).
- ❖ **Brown University Pre-College Programs**- [https://precollege.brown.edu/?utm\\_source=MarketingCloud&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=25\\_11\\_03\\_OneDay&utm\\_content=https%3a%2f%2fprecollege.brown.edu%2f](https://precollege.brown.edu/?utm_source=MarketingCloud&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=25_11_03_OneDay&utm_content=https%3a%2f%2fprecollege.brown.edu%2f)
- ❖ **Worcester Polytechnic Institute Summer Programs**- [www.wpi.edu/+summer](http://www.wpi.edu/+summer).
- ❖ **New York University PreCollege Summer Program**- [www.nyu.edu/precollege](http://www.nyu.edu/precollege)



- ❖ **Marist PreCollege Summer Program-** [www.marist.edu/precollege](http://www.marist.edu/precollege)
- ❖ **QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Program for JUNIORS-** Juniors eligible for this program must be academically outstanding **and** low-income to qualify. Full scholarships to summer programs at several universities. The program equips qualified students to gain admission and full four-year scholarships to 55 top colleges. Go to <https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- March 20.
- ❖ **Roberts Wesleyan Academic Summer Camps-** <https://roberts.edu/summer-at-roberts/academic-summer-camps>
- ❖ **Dartmouth Online PreCollege Summer Program-** [https://precollegeonline.dartmouth.edu/?utm\\_source=internal&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=dc\\_counselorleadsmonthly&utm\\_content=Feb2025](https://precollegeonline.dartmouth.edu/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=dc_counselorleadsmonthly&utm_content=Feb2025)
- ❖ **Project Level the Field-** A non-profit organization with one mission: make sure everybody has access to FREE high-quality college application resources regardless of their race, ethnicity, or financial background. They provide college application support, SAT test prep and tutoring. <https://projectlevelthefield.com/>

## Want Mentorship?

**Project Level The Field, Inc.**

Our student-led organization is breaking barriers and providing free higher education application resources to all students, regardless of financial background.




Scan the QR code to sign up!

### What We Offer

- 1-on-1 Mentorship: Work with college or grad students
- Essay Help: Personal statement and supplemental essay guidance & revisions
- College Lists: Help you identify schools/programs of interest
- Financial Aid Literacy: Tips for affordability
- Insider Knowledge: Admissions tips, resume support, career discussions and more

Email: [staff@projectlevelthefield.com](mailto:staff@projectlevelthefield.com)

Website: [projectlevelthefield.com](http://projectlevelthefield.com)

Instagram: [@levelthefieldurochester](https://www.instagram.com/levelthefieldurochester)

# The Hive

## FREE DRIVING



## LESSONS

**CLASSES START Jan 2024**



5 - 1 Hour Lessons



Driving Instructor  
& Car Provided



Pick Up From Home,  
School Or Program



MUST Be 16+ With a  
Valid Learners Permit



### CONTACT US

Essence Jones  
Hive Behavioral Health Specialist  
c: 585-405-2438  
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## GEWEP- General Education Work Experience Program



# GEWEP



## General Education Work Experience Program

- Have a job?
- Earn HS Elective Credit!

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### Sign up for the GEWEP Class!

Sign up **ASAP** to start counting your hours worked for elective credit!

Credit is given based on how many hours you work. (example: 150 hrs. = .5 credit / 300 hrs. = 1 credit, etc.)



**SIGN UP:** Scan the above QR code to fill out the GEWEP Interest Form

Or type in the URL: <https://forms.gle/jpknHbGJ3wPkDj1w5>

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### This is a Virtual Course!

**Your teacher:** Ms. Richardson, RCSD Work Based Learning Coordinator

**Assignments:** all in Google Classroom

**Offered:** first and/or second semester

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#### Q&A's

Q-When can I sign up? **A—**As soon as you are employed and earning a paycheck

Q-How old do I have to be? **A—**14 or older and employed

Q- If I don't have a job, but get one later this school year, can I join in the middle of the year? **A—**Yes, join at any time

Q- I work for my family, can I join GEWEP? **A -** You must be paid "on the books" and earn a paycheck (you can't be paid "under the table") and the business must provide Workers Compensation

**Further Questions:** Contact Ms. Richardson, RCSD Work Based Learning Coordinator at [donna.richardson@rcsdk12.org](mailto:donna.richardson@rcsdk12.org) or see your school counselor



## ENCOMPASS Future Ready Program

"Thank you for believing in me and giving me the confidence to soar beyond just a job, allowing me to find a career."

-Amanda, Graduate

"My interest and decisions about college increased through college tours and presentations. As a result, I applied to more than 10 colleges and I have already been accepted into 5... It makes me so happy to think about how I came to Future Ready so far behind and that now I only need to finish two classes to graduate."

-Liniaha, High School Senior

**Are you Future Ready?**

**Quick, Online Application:**  
[bit.ly/futureready-app](http://bit.ly/futureready-app)





**Contact Us**

EnCompass: Resources for Learning  
 Future Ready Program  
 16 Lake View Park  
 Rochester, NY 14613  
 585-505-3936  
[futureready@e-success.org](mailto:futureready@e-success.org)  
 Learn More: [www.bit.ly/enc-FR](http://www.bit.ly/enc-FR)

ENCOMPASS Ready To Start *YOUR* Success Story?

**Future Ready**

Supported by  
 Education Success Foundation

**Academic Success  
 College & Career Preparedness  
 Job Training & Job Placement**



Learn More & Apply Today!  
 Enrolling Teens Grades 6-12



### About Future Ready

Future Ready prepares middle and high school students for lifelong success in school, college, and career. Students in Future Ready receive year-round academic and navigation support as they develop job and life skills. Students work 1:1 with a Navigator to chart the college and career pathways that will make them Future Ready!



### Academic Success

Bright futures start with the foundations students need to succeed in school and graduate from high school:

- Academic Tutoring
- Regents Exam Prep
- Other Test Prep
- Experiential Learning
- Summer Learning & Enrichment



### Career & College Ready

Preparing for post-graduation success starts with the skills training, navigation support, and interactive experiences students need to be college and/or career-ready:

- Career Spotlights & Enrichments
- Networking Opportunities
- Future Ready Employment Education (FREE) Academy
- College Tours & Readiness Academy
- College Application and FAFSA planning



### How Students Benefit

### Navigation Support

Navigators are mentors and guides who meet with students regularly to:

- Develop & Implement Personal College & Career Plans
- Identify & Assess Academic Needs
- Coordinate Wraparound Services and Hands-On Career Exposures
- Arrange Work-Readiness Training and Job Placement

### What's New?

Future Ready is focused on providing unique and life-changing experiences:

- Cross-Community Activities as Part of "The Hive"
- Mystery Trips
- Student-Designed Spaces
- Local & Out-of-State College Tours
- Summer Career Immersions

**Red Cross GLOW RED ROC Program- Go to [https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=vms\\_public\\_form&form\\_id=13117](https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=vms_public_form&form_id=13117) to apply.**



THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OF GREATER ROCHESTER PRESENTS

# GLOW RED ROC

(GROWING LEADERS OF THE WORLD)



**Session Focus:  
Biomedical Services**



**Session Focus:  
Disaster Preparedness**



**Session Focus:  
International Services**

All sessions are held from 10AM - 2PM  
during school breaks

## About the Program

**GLOW RED ROC**, a program of the Greater Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross provides youth with opportunities to develop leadership skills and enhance fundamental life skills - empowering them to become actively engaged in volunteer leadership roles supporting the American Red Cross' mission and positioning them for success in their homes, schools and in their communities.

## Program Eligibility

Students enrolled in 9th-12th grade within a Monroe County based high school are eligible to apply.

**Students must be available for all five days of the session(s) they are applying to attend.**

**CONTACT US FOR INFORMATION OR [APPLY TODAY!](#)**

585-397-6266 | [KRISTEN.CLINEBURG@REDCROSS.ORG](mailto:KRISTEN.CLINEBURG@REDCROSS.ORG)  
1040 UNIVERSITY AVENUE | ROCHESTER, NY 14607

Learn more at [redcross.org/local/new-york/western-new-york/about-us/our-work/youth-leadership](https://redcross.org/local/new-york/western-new-york/about-us/our-work/youth-leadership)

**Note:** Students can apply for all three sessions, or attend just one or two.





# Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)

July 8-August 14, 2025



**Eligible Students Paid \$10 an Hour to Attend!**  
**Health Career Exploration Summer Camp for Rising Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors in Western NY**



**Hands-on learning, exposure to health profession careers, and skill building**

**Become First Aid & CPR Certified, learn Stop the Bleed, Teen Mental Health First Aid, Simulation Education Training, Social Determinants of Health Course & much more**

**Opportunities to tour, shadow, and volunteer in the community (local healthcare facilities, non-profits, businesses, etc.)**

**Overnight opportunity at DYU campus, college experience and additional health profession exposure and experiences**

**Health career pathways and college enrollment education**



**Camp Location: WNY R-AHEC, Warsaw, NY & DYU, Buffalo, NY**  
**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9am-3pm**

**STUDENTS APPLY TODAY!**

Application Deadline: March 31

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/dxvnlj0>

Use QR Code for More Info and to Apply!



**HRSA**  
Health Resources & Services Administration

THIS PROGRAM IS SUPPORTED BY THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA) OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) AS PART OF AN AWARD TOTALING \$2,374,000 WITH FINANCES WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES. THE CONTENTS ARE THOSE OF THE AUTHOR(S) AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT THE OFFICIAL VIEWS OF, NOR AN ENDORSEMENT, BY HRSA, HHS, OR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT HRSA.GOV.

**WNY R-AHEC Contact: [info@r-ahec.org](mailto:info@r-ahec.org) | 585-786-6275 | 20 Duncan St. Warsaw, NY**

# 2025 Rochester Brain Bee



The Rochester Brain Bee is an annual neuroscience competition for high school students. Come show off your knowledge about the brain!

## When and Where?

**Saturday, March 8th, 2025 from 9:30AM to 12:30PM**  
**Goergen Hall 101 at the University of Rochester**

## Prize for Top Finalist!

The winner will receive an all-expenses paid trip to the National Brain Bee (at Rutgers University, NJ) and an offer to participate in the University of Rochester's NeuroEast Program!

## Want to know more? Check us out!

[www.rochestersfn.org/bac/brain-bee.html](http://www.rochestersfn.org/bac/brain-bee.html)

[www.facebook.com/URBrainAwareness/](https://www.facebook.com/URBrainAwareness/)

Email [RochesterBrainBee@gmail.com](mailto:RochesterBrainBee@gmail.com) for more information or to register.



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# AN AFTER SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAM FOR QUEER TEENS!

# QUEER STORIES NOW

**FREE  
PROGRAM!  
NO HIDDEN  
COSTS!**

**MADE BY AND  
FOR THE ROCHESTER  
QUEER COMMUNITY!**

## INTERESTED IN:

QUEER HISTORY?   ZINES?   BUILDING COMMUNITY?  
WRITING?   DRAWING?   COLLAGE?   BEING CREATIVE?

Queer Stories Now is a FREE after school program for LGBTQ+ teens (ages 14-17)  
living in the City of Rochester.

In this 8 week program students will explore identity, self expression, and queer history  
through learning the art of making zines. Queer Stories Now is a space for students to  
learn how to use the visual arts to build a community where their voice is heard!



## MORE INFO AND APPLICATION: [RATHAUS.PRESS/QUEER-STORIES-NOW](https://rathaus.press/queer-stories-now)



This program is made possible by  
ArtsBloom, funded through the City  
of Rochester's Percent for the Arts  
Program.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

# Earn & Learn this summer

Discover Fun and Rewarding Paid  
Jobs and Internships This Summer!

The Summer  
of Opportunity and  
Summer Youth Employment  
Programs give youth **ages  
14-20** the chance to gain  
**6-8 weeks of paid work  
experience** with  
leading employers  
in the area.

APPLY STARTING  
Feb. 1, 2025



### TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST HAVE A:

- Photo ID • Current work permit • Social Security card • Recent official report card
- Be enrolled in middle school, high school or TASC program
- Available to participate for your full assignment between July 7 - August 15

For more information call **(585) 428-6366**  
Visit **rocsummeryouth.com** to apply

The online application is available in different languages.



ADAM J. BELLO  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



CITY of ROCHESTER  
Malik D. Evans, Mayor

**Looking for a job? Check out the RCSD Job Board for information on local businesses that are hiring:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11oLGRPW1XDrdtSbLSR7bvEnGNy\\_1al-6ZLtdDoUKpmk/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11oLGRPW1XDrdtSbLSR7bvEnGNy_1al-6ZLtdDoUKpmk/edit#gid=0)

## **ROC YOUR JOB- Youth After School Employment Program**



**Why Wait Until Summer To Get A Job?**

Earn a paycheck during the school year and learn about exciting career opportunities that await you!

Rochester Works  
americanjobcenter



**EARN \$15 AN HOUR DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR!**



**YOUTH JOBS AVAILABLE NOW! APPLY TODAY AT ROCYOURJOB.COM**  
APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED NOW THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2025

**EMPLOYMENT QUALIFICATIONS**

- Rochester and Monroe County Youth ages 14-20 at time of application.
- Currently enrolled in middle school or high school or a TASC (GED) Program.
- Meet income requirement.



Rochester Works  
for Youth



**ADAM J. BELLO**  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**New York State Unified Court System Student Aide (Internship Opportunity)-** For students 17 years or older, positions available across NY state, \$18.00/hr.  
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:3b871380-463f-44e3-93a1-97a63f064ea2>

**HOW TO APPLY FOR A WORK PERMIT at SOTA:**  
<https://www.rcsdk12.org/domain/13307>

**You will need three documents to apply for a work permit.**

- **Application- Part I only completed and signed by parent or guardian**
- **Proof of Age- birth certificate, learner's permit, license**
- **Medical Form- must be completed by your doctor's office (or the school nurse if she has your physical on file at school), you can also use a copy of your most recent physical**
- **The application and medical form can be accessed through the link above or there are copies in the counselor's offices and house offices.**

**When you have those three documents complete, you can bring them to the house office and the clerical staff can issue you a work permit. They usually have specific days and times they process work permits, so check with your house office clerical staff.**

## Additional Supports

### Mental Health Crisis Hotlines

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis these resources are available 24/7 to provide immediate help!

#### Call 211

If you need assistance locating long-term mental health resources, talking through a problem, or exploring mental health treatment options, call 211 to speak with a live person who can help.

- 211 conversations are confidential, can be made anonymously, and are available in 180 languages upon request.
- If you prefer to text, use web chat, or search for resources online, click here to find more ways to contact [your local 211](#).

#### 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Dial 988 or 1-800-273-8255 for the [988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#). 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (now known as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline). When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

**URMC Brighter Days Pediatric Mental Health Urgent Care Center-**  
**300 Crittenden Blvd., (585) 275-8686,**

<https://www.urmc.rochester.edu/locations/mental-health-wellness-brighter-days-pediatric-urgent-care-center>