

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

NEWSLETTER

March 17, 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
- **SchoolLinks-** access through RoConnect dashboard
- ❖ **Create a Common Application account:** 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 Education Foundation-

<https://www.rochestereducation.org/college-access-and-success> . 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/> **Tuition Assistance Program, Scholarships, Virtual Financial Aid Presentations and Workshops available**

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 and Virtual Events: www.suny.edu



CITY WIDE FAFSA FEST



APRIL 9TH 2025

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The Education Trust-New York



Rochester Institute of Technology



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SOTA COLLEGE and CAREER FAIR- April 8- Please join us!

SOTA SPRING CAREER AND COLLEGE FAIR 2025



Tuesday
April 8, 2025



Time
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

This event is open to students in grades 10 - 12 and their families. Please join us to receive information from local college, employers and job training programs.



School of the Arts - 45 Prince Street

SAT/ ACT UPDATES

SAT SCHOOL DAY FOR JUNIORS- MARCH 20th

- You will receive an email with your assigned testing room
- Please bring your fully charged Chromebook to school on test day

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

SAT Test Dates		
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 to register.
SOTA School Code: 3 3 4 8 3 5

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

The poster features a calendar grid with dates for SAT tests: SEP. 14, OCT. 26, DEC. 14, FEB. 8, APR. 5, JUN. 14, and JUL. 12. A red arrow points to the April 5 date. Text boxes include: 'Choose Paper And Pencil Or Online' (Do your best on the test by sitting 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), '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.), and '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).

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

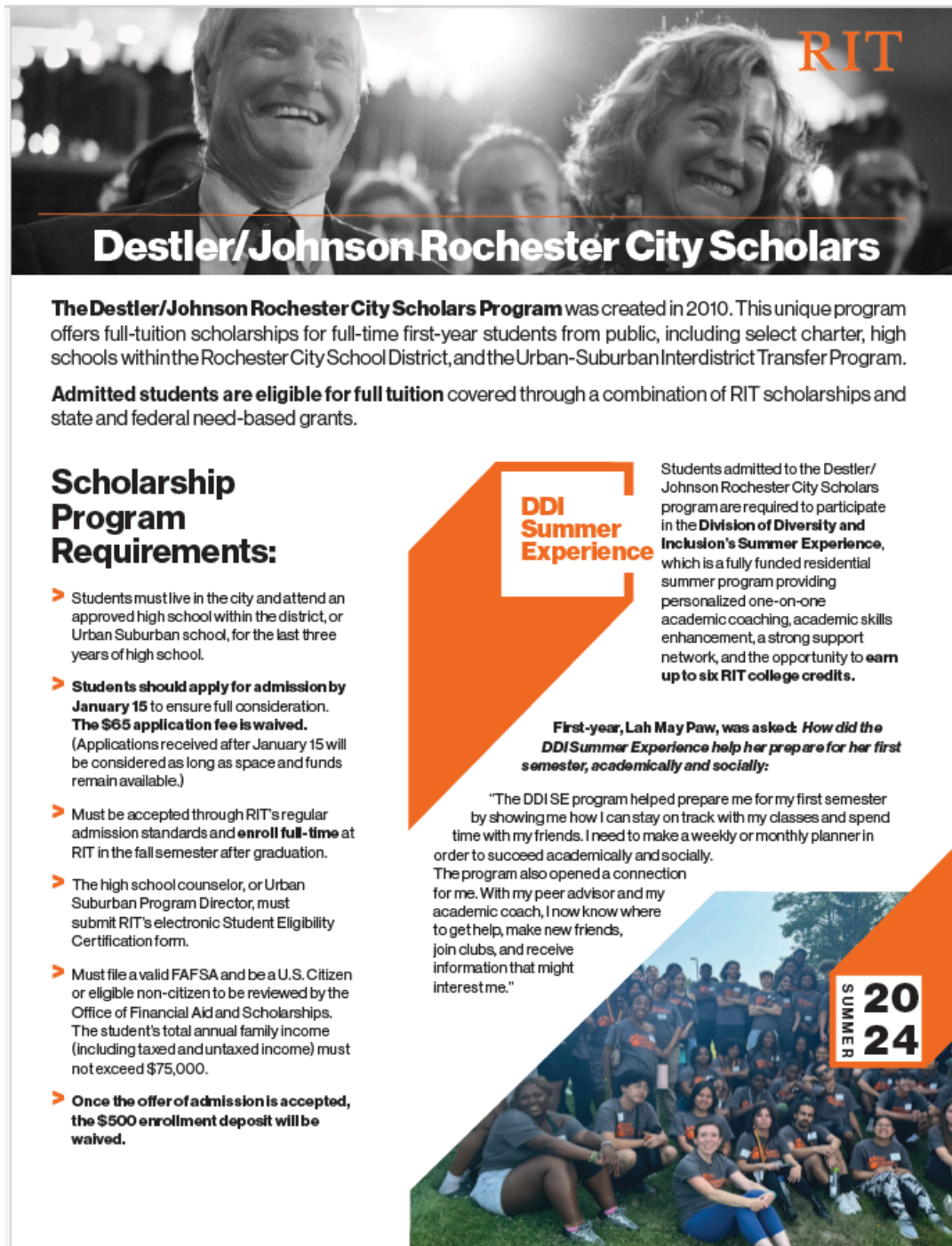
- ❖ **SUNY Campus Visit Opportunities-** suny.edu/visit
- ❖ **SUNY Virtual Information Sessions-** suny.edu/studentevents
- ❖ **SUNY Delhi-** March 29. www.delhi.edu/openhouse
- ❖ **NY State Higher Education Services Corporation Virtual Events- Senior Basics Presentation:** Designed to equip high school 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 to register for an upcoming session.
- ❖ **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 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.
- ❖ **Penn State Behrend Open House-** April 5. Go to behrend.psu.edu/openhouse to register.
- ❖ **St. Bonaventure University Open House-** April 27. Go to <https://admissions.sbu.edu/portal/springopenhouse> to register.
- ❖ **SUNY Niagara Community College Open House-** April 3. Go to <https://sunyniagara.edu/oph/> to register.
- ❖ **Niagara Fall Culinary Institute Open House-** May 3. Go to <https://sunyniagara.edu/oph/> 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 , 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 header image with a group of smiling people and the RIT logo. Below this is the title 'Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars'. The main text describes the program's history and eligibility. A section titled 'Scholarship Program Requirements:' lists eight bullet points. To the right, a box highlights the 'DDI Summer Experience' and includes a quote from a first-year student, Lah May Paw. At the bottom right, there is a photo of a large group of students posing outdoors, with a graphic overlay that reads 'SUMMER 2024'.

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."

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- ❖ **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
- ❖ **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>
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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/ZZ5nqHkd7h2Lnmud7>. 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 to apply. Deadline to apply- April 23.
- ❖ **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 for more information and to apply.
- ❖ **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!**

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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

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

- ❖ **CGCS Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship Program**- Named for the first African American to walk in space, this scholarship is available to African American and Hispanic seniors planning to attend a four year college to study in the STEM field. 88 GPA or higher required. Go to <https://www.cgcs.org/awardsscholarships> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- March 31.
- ❖ **New York State STEM Incentive Program**- For seniors planning to attend a SUNY or CUNY college in the fall and plan to pursue a degree in a STEM field. Must be top 10% of high school class and commit to living and working in New York state for 5 years after college graduation working in the STEM field. This award covers your tuition at the SUNY or CUNY college. Go to <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/find-aid/nys-grants-scholarships/nys-science-technology-engineering-and-mathematics-stem-incentive/> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- August 15.
- ❖ **Grace the Arts Scholarships**- Scholarships are available to students currently in school and pursuing arts enrichment or with financial needs for lessons, equipment, etc. AND students graduating and pursuing the arts. Go to <https://www.gracethearts.org/scholarships> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- April 1.
- ❖ **Urban League of Rochester Scholarship List**- Use this link to find available scholarships- <https://www.urbanleagueroc.org/scholarships>
- ❖ **American Institute of Architects (AIA) Rochester/Architectural Foundation Scholarship Program**- For any senior attending college for architecture. Several scholarships available. Go to <https://www.aiaroc.org/scholarships> for more information and to apply. Deadline to apply- April 4.
- ❖ **Locust Club Office Anthony Mazurkiewicz Memorial Scholarship**- For RCSD seniors, GPA 85 or higher, SAT score 1000 or higher. Go to Scholarship File Cabinet for application. Deadline to apply- March 28.
- ❖ **Pittsford Musicals Performing Arts Scholarship**- For any senior involved in the performing or musical arts (theatre performance, dance, vocal/instrumental music, or theatre technical arts) and who plan to attend college in the fall to pursue one of these areas of study. Go to Scholarship File Cabinet for application. Deadline to apply- May 2.

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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.
- ❖ **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/>
- ❖ **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
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **University of Delaware Summer College Experience**- July 20-August 9. 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
- ❖ **Worcester Polytechnic Institute Summer Programs**- www.wpi.edu/+summer.
- ❖ **New York University PreCollege Summer Program**- www.nyu.edu/precollege
- ❖ **Marist PreCollege Summer Program**- 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
- ❖ **Syracuse Pre-College Summer Program**- <https://precollege.syr.edu/>
- ❖ **SUNY Stony Brook Pre-College Summer Program**-
<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/precollege-summer/index.php>
- ❖ **St. John Fisher University College Bound Program**- For current Juniors- must be college bound, first generation college students, and demonstrate financial need. Free, five-day intensive program, July 13-17 on the St. John Fisher campus. Students will explore interests and career options, learn about college life, college search and application process- interviews, completing an application, college essay, get ongoing assistance through senior year. Please see your counselor if interested. Deadline to apply- April 1..
- ❖ **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute PREFACE summer program**- For 10th and 11th graders interested in pursuing a career in engineering or technology. July 20- August 2.
<https://info.rpi.edu/pre-college-initiatives/preface-rensselaer-summer-engineering-design-program>
- ❖ **Niagara University STEM Summer Camp**- For students in grades 9-11 interested in STEM fields. Go to <https://www.niagara.edu/stem-camp/> for more information.
- ❖ **SUNY Geneseo Summer Academy**- July 6-12, residential program for high school students that want to prepare for college, explore academic interests, and gain real college experience. Go to <https://www.geneseo.edu/admissions/geneseo-summer-academy-live-and-learn-campus> for more information and to register.

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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 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
1040 UNIVERSITY AVENUE | ROCHESTER, NY 14607

Learn more at 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/00XVJED>

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 FROM 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 | 585-786-6275 | 20 Duncan St. Warsaw, NY

Prepare for a future beyond the desk



TradeUP

Looking beyond high school...
Do you see yourself behind a desk?
Or do you picture yourself out in the world...



Creating?



Building?



Helping?

A great career doesn't always start with college.
Sometimes, the best path is learning a trade and getting to work.

It pays to TradeUP.



**Tuesday,
April 1, 2025**



6-7:30 p.m.
Sign in from 5:30-6 p.m.



WEMOCO CTE Center
3589 Big Ridge Road
Spencerport, NY 14559



FREE



**Ideal for
High School Seniors
and their Families**

**At TradeUP, explore how skilled trades can
lead to high-demand, well-paying careers
that fit your talents and interests.**

Event Features

- Hear from local experts in construction, manufacturing and healthcare about what makes skilled trades a valuable career choice.
- See firsthand what training in the trades looks like by visiting in-session CWD adult career training programs at WEMOCO CTE Center.
- Learn about low- to no-cost training options with support to help you gear up for career success.

Find out more and register: www.monroe2boces.org/TradeUP



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.



ZooTeens

The ZooTeen program gives young adults the opportunity to work together with like-minded peers from around the region, as well as with the Seneca Park Zoo education team, to help educate the public about the animals in conservation care and the importance of saving animals from extinction.

 Seneca Park Zoo



LEARN MORE

WHO

Any teen currently in grades 7-12

WHERE

Seneca Park Zoo

WHEN

Teens sign up for a minimum of 12 shifts over the six-week summer program in July & August. Shifts run 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The program runs seven days a week and teens select the shifts that work for their schedule.

REQUIREMENTS

Submit an online application: senecaparkzoo.org/zoo teens

- Group interview for new ZooTeens
- Participation in training

COST

There is a fee of \$125, due after acceptance into the program. Need-based scholarships are available upon request.

Questions?

585.336.7208

zooteen@senecazoo.org

City Nature Challenge

Rochester NY

Taking part is easy!



Download iNaturalist
Download the app and make an account



Find Wildlife
It can be any plant, animal, or any evidence of life found in your city.



Take Pictures
Take a picture of what you find. Be sure to note the location.



Share!
Share your observations and learn more as your finds get identified!

Plus, get 15% off Seneca Park Zoo memberships for participating.



Participate in CNC 2025 and help us beat last year's numbers!

April 25th - April 28th 2025

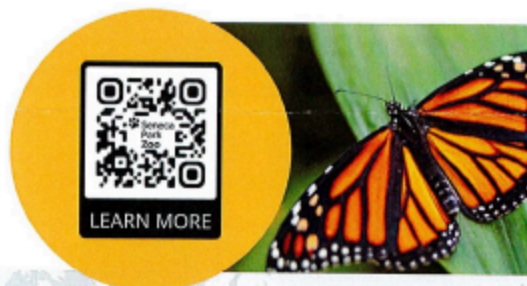
Taking pictures of wild plants and animals

April 29th - May 4th 2025

Identify what was found by going to the SPZ project page, on iNaturalist

May 5th, 2025

Results of the city nature challenge will be announced



2024 World Results

2,436,844
Observations

65,682
Species

83,528
Participants

2024 SPZ Results

2,655
Observations

369
Species

209
Participants




senecaparkzoo.org/city-nature-challenge



WILDLIFE ACTION CREW

Wildlife Action Crew is for teenagers interested in animals and conservation. Crews conduct a conservation case study, select an action that addresses the conservation issue, and create a campaign to promote their message. This is a six-week program that is offered multiple times throughout the school year.

 Seneca Park Zoo



LEARN MORE



WHO

13- to 18-year-olds

WHERE

Seneca Park Zoo

WHEN

Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m.,
for six weeks

COST

\$57 for Zoo members
\$62 for non-members

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

2025

START YOUR ACCOUNTING CAREER WITH THE NYSSCPA

GET A PREVIEW OF COLLEGE LIFE
AND THE ACCOUNTING PROFESSION

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**CAREER
OPPORTUNITIES
IN THE
ACCOUNTING
PROFESSION**

COAP helps you explore what you can do in the accounting field. Plot your future as a chief financial officer, forensics investigator, data analyst, cybersecurity consultant, entertainment and sports agent, auditor or entrepreneur.

COAP is a FREE program to introduce high school students to accounting and finance careers. You will meet successful business leaders and get need-to-know college tips right now.

Location:

**Rochester Institute
of Technology**

Date:

**May 30th - June 1st,
2025**

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The Moynihan Scholarship Fund (MSF) sponsors the COAP program on college campuses across New York State. It is open to all regardless of race, color, national origin or sex.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE FILL OUT
THIS FORM:**

CLICK HERE

LEARN MORE @ NYSSCPA.ORG/COAP



COAP Application:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=YcqJiToq8E2xM0toa_tzqMnWcNhl5xJMksLt5e66qc5UMkhZSEc4S1JSN005R1FTU08yNUk1RTNJRCQlQCN0PWcu&route=shorturl

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

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>