2020 Rice University FIRST® Scholarship

In support of the mission of FIRST® and in recognition of the academic and leadership potential of its participants, the George R. Brown School of Engineering at Rice University has established a program to support need-based scholarships for students majoring in engineering, including computer science, computational & applied mathematics, and statistics. The School of Engineering will select two recipients for $10,000 scholarship awards, each renewable for up to four years, contingent upon maintaining good academic standing as an engineering major (including computer science, computational & applied mathematics, and statistics). The FIRST® Scholarship will become a part of the recipients’ need-based financial aid award package. Underrepresented minorities (African Americans, Hispanics/Latinx, Native Americans/Native Hawaiians/Alaska Natives), students with disabilities, and women are especially encouraged to apply.

Scholarship Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, you must:

- be a high school senior at the time of application;
- have participated on a FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC®) or a FIRST® Tech Challenge (FTC®) team during your junior and/or senior years in high school;
- apply and be admitted to Rice University as a full-time student to study engineering, including computer science, computational & applied mathematics, and statistics; and
- have demonstrated financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA, www.fafsa.ed.gov) and Rice requirements.

Note: You do not need to have been admitted at the time you apply for this scholarship; however, receipt of the award is contingent upon you enrolling at Rice University in engineering, including computer science, computational & applied mathematics, and statistics. The offer of the scholarship is not to be construed as an offer of admission to the university.

Application Process

To apply for the scholarship, complete the application package, which includes:

- a completed scholarship application (found on next page or online at http://bit.ly/ricefirst2020)
- a letter of recommendation from an adult mentor/coach on your FIRST® team; and
- an essay (500-750 words, double-spaced) describing why you chose your proposed major and how your experience(s) with FIRST® helped you develop skills that will benefit you in college and in your career (including, but not limited to leadership, innovation, design, teamwork, communication, etc.).

Submit application and supporting documents online or mail completed application package to:

Rice University FIRST® Scholarship Program

c/o Dr. Yvette E. Pearson

George R. Brown School of Engineering

6100 Main Street – MS 364

Houston, Texas 77005

Completed application must be received by: February 12, 2020

Questions? Please email RiceFIRSTScholarship@rice.edu. For information on Rice admissions and financial aid, visit http://www.rice.edu/admission-aid.shtml.
2020 Rice University FIRST® Scholarship Application

Name: ___________________________  ___________________________  ___________________________

First  Middle  Last

Address: ___________________________

City: ___________________________  State: ___________________________  Zip Code: ___________________________

Country: ___________________________

US Citizen: Yes / No

Telephone: ___________________________

E-mail: ___________________________

FIRST Program:  FRC / FTC  FIRST Team Number: ___________________________

FIRST Team Name: ___________________________

Year(s) of participation: ___________________________

Intended College Major: ___________________________

Signature: ___________________________

Date: ___________________________

By signing this application, I agree that all information is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I agree that the above information may be released by Rice University to FIRST. I also authorize Rice University’s Office of Financial Aid to discuss my financial need with Rice University George R. Brown School of Engineering staff administering the FIRST Scholarship.

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