

The Rice Family Scholarship Fund of Eichelbergers, Inc. announces the availability of scholarship for students who are dependent children of employees of Eichelberger's, Inc. The parent(s) of an eligible dependent must be employed by Eichelberger's, Inc. for at least one full year. At least one parent must continue to be employed by Eichelbergers, Inc. or the scholarship cannot be renewed. Students must attend a two or four-year accredited institution in the Commonwealth of PA so that students are eligible for the PATH Program as described below. Students must be pursuing an associate's or bachelor's undergraduate degree only. This award is not for any advanced or partial college work. Students who have received a full scholarship from their college of choice will not be eligible for the Rice Family Scholarship Fund of Eichelbergers, Inc.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Dependent children of employees of Eichelberger's, Inc. who have been employed for at least one full year
2. Must attend a two or four-year accredited institution in Pennsylvania
3. Pursuing or planning to pursue an associate's or bachelor's undergraduate degree only
4. Academic achievement, including a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
5. Extracurricular activities, work experience, and leadership qualities
6. Financial need

HOW TO APPLY

The application process is online. You can access and submit the application beginning January 1.

[Click here](#) to access the online application.

If you are signing back in to complete your application, please [click here](#).

Before accessing the application, be prepared to attach the following items:

***** YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION UNTIL THESE ITEMS ARE ATTACHED*****

1. Student Resume: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
2. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): Please attach the report in its entirety. This report must include the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Please be aware that the SAR is **not** the same as the Summary Report. In addition to the SAR, you may also provide a letter with information you believe will be useful in determining your financial need (e.g., family and student income). Are there extenuating circumstances of which we should be aware? For example, illness in the family, loss of employment, or other relevant information?

The following requirements must be emailed to scholarshipapplications@tfec.org separately. These items will not appear as attachments to your online application or prevent you from submitting:

The following requirements must be emailed by your school's counseling office:

1. *Official Transcript.* Home schooled students should submit a detailed grade report.
2. *School Counselor Form.* [Click here](#) to download the form. ***Current college students are not required to submit a School Counselor Form. Your college or university Official Transcript should be sent by mail or email directly from your college or university***

The following requirements must be emailed by your personal references:

1. *Two (2) Personal Reference Letters.* At least one letter should be from a high school teacher on school letterhead. Letters from family members will not be accepted. ***All reference letters must remain confidential.***

RENEWABILITY

This scholarship will automatically renew for up to four consecutive years provided the student maintains a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale and at least one parent continues to be employed by Eichelberger's Inc. Students must submit a transcript and tuition bill **each semester** in order for the scholarship to renew. In addition, each scholarship recipient will be expected to provide a report on his or her activities and progress to The Foundation for Enhancing Communities on an annual basis, approximately one month after the end of the spring term. A student who withdraws from school for any reason will be expected to notify The Foundation for Enhancing Communities and refund any unused, refundable portion of the scholarship.

Your Official Transcript must be mailed or sent as a certified PDF emailed directly from your university. It is your responsibility to ensure that your transcript is received by the deadline. The transcript ***must be received*** by the deadline, ***not postmarked***.

Mail Official Transcript to:

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities
Rice Family Scholarship Fund of Eichelbergers, Inc
Attn: Ash Morley, Scholarship Associate
200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

OR

Email Official Transcript to:

scholarshipapplications@tfec.org
Ash Morley, Scholarship Associate

MATCHING AWARD OPPORTUNITIES

AES/PHEAA's PATH Program: Scholarship recipients are eligible to have their awards matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by AES/PHEAA's *PATH ("Partnerships for Access to Higher Education") Program*. PHEAA may grant matching funds to scholarship recipients who are enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania college or career school as an undergraduate student on at least a half-time basis, who are a Pennsylvania state grant recipient and who demonstrate financial need. Students must also be a resident of Pennsylvania, not in default on any educational loans, maintain academic progress, and not be considered an incarcerated student. The match provides last-dollar support for tuition and fees. *Scholarship funds used for reimbursement of textbook purchases are not eligible for a PATH Program match.* The scholarship recipient's information is submitted to PHEAA by TFEC staff. No additional work will be asked of the scholarship recipient. For more information regarding AES/PHEAA, please refer to their website at www.pheaa.org.