



RED SOX SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2024 APPLICATION

BACKGROUND

The Red Sox Scholars is a college success program that awards a **\$10,000 college scholarship** to 12 Boston Public School 7th graders each year. The Foundation then provides **academic, professional, and social support** to students for at least the next nine years to ensure they graduate from college with as little debt as possible and are prepared to enter the workforce – as well as feeling part of a family of resources for years to come.

ELIGIBILITY

- Legally enrolled as a full-time **7th grade student** in the **Boston Public School District** or at a **Boston Public Charter School** for School Year 2023-24.
- Demonstrate strong **academic potential**.
- Demonstrate strong **financial need**.
- Must be able to attend an **in-person interview** on **Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Fenway Park**

Completed applications must be submitted to RedSoxScholars@redsox.com by **Thursday, February 29, 2024**.

TERMS OF AWARD

All decisions made by the Scholarship Selection Committee are final. A student selected for a 2024 Scholarship will be required to sign a *Terms and Conditions Agreement*, which details the requirements for the Red Sox Scholars Program. Access to scholarship funds is contingent upon the Scholar’s enrollment in an accredited college, university, or vocational program, display of good citizenship, and adherence to the requirements set forth in the *Terms and Conditions Agreement*. Failure to comply with the *Agreement* may result in partial or full loss of scholarship eligibility and/or dismissal from the Program. Scholarship funds are only paid directly to the school, never to a private individual. By applying for the Scholarship, I grant my school and/or district permission to share relevant information with members of the Red Sox Foundation.

By signing below, you acknowledge you have read and understand the above Terms of Award:

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

*For the signatures, an electronic signature in the form of typing your name will be accepted.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ MI: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Which of the following categories best describes how you identify yourself (select all that apply)? *(optional)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White (Not Hispanic or Latino) | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or More Races |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to self-identify |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | |

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes No *(This question is optional and the information is entirely confidential.)*

Street Address: _____ Apt #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please list any languages spoken (other than English): _____

2. PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian 1:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relation to Applicant: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employment Status:

Job Title & Employer: _____

Highest Level of Education Completed:

Parent/Guardian 2:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relation to Applicant: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Employment Status:

Job Title & Employer: _____

Highest Level of Education Completed:

Who do you live with? Both Parent/Guardians One Parent/Guardian Other: _____

Who else lives at home with you? _____

Emergency Contact:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relation to Applicant: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

3. FINANCIAL & HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Note: Please have your parent/guardian complete this section. If you are selected as a finalist, a copy of your parent/guardian(s)'s most recent tax return will be required.

2023 Annual Household Income: \$ _____

Please list your household income according to your parent/guardian(s) tax return(s).

Income Sources (select all that apply):

- Wages
- Self-Employment Income
- Transitional Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Social Security (SS)
- Supplemental Security Income
- Other: _____
- Unemployment Benefit
- Veterans Benefit
- Workers Compensation
- Food Stamps
- Alimony/Child Support

Is there anything else that you'd like us to know about your family's financial situation?

Housing Type: Rent Own Other: _____

Number of Household Members: _____

How many household members are under the age of 18? _____

How many household members will be in college next school year (2024-25)? _____

4. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

School Name: _____

BPS ID Number*: _____
*If enrolled at a school in the Boston Public School District.

Guidance Counselor Name: _____

Guidance Counselor Phone: _____ Email: _____

How did you hear about the Red Sox Scholars Program? (check all that apply)

- Previous Fenway Park Learning Lab Student
- School or Teacher
- Social Media
- Red Sox Scholar
- Other: _____

Grades: Please include your current academic grades in the space below, as well as your grades in 6th grade. If you are selected as a finalist, your Official Transcript will be required.

Course <small>Example: Math</small>	7th Grade – Current Course Grade <small>Example: A-</small>	6th Grade – Final Course Grade <small>Example: B+</small>

5. EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES INFORMATION

Please describe your extra-curricular activities and awards or recognition you've received in the space below.

Activity or Award	Description	From (mm/yyyy)	To (mm/yyyy)

6. ESSAYS

This application requires the submission of two essays. Each essay must answer the prompt in no more than 500 words and should be typed in the spaces outlined below. If you've written your essays in another document, you may copy and paste them into the spaces outlined below.

Essay #1: Please answer the following prompt in no more than 500 words using the space below.

- “All About Me”*** – *What is one thing that you learned about yourself in the past year? What caused you to feel this way?*

Essay #2: Please choose one of the three prompts to answer in no more than 500 words using the space below.

- “Whom I Admire”** – Think about a person in your life whom you admire. What is this person like? Why do you admire them?
- “When I’m Eighty”** – Write an essay as though you were 80 years old, looking back at your life. What have you accomplished and what are you most proud of?
- “What’s in Your Backpack?”** – Imagine you are traveling to a country that you have never been to before. Your backpack includes three items that will help the local population learn about you and your family. What are those three items and how do they represent your background?

7. APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

All information in each section of this application is accurate, written by me (except for Section 3. Financial & Household Information), and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be asked to provide written proof to verify the accuracy of any or all information presented in this application, including information pertaining to financial need and academic grades. I agree to adhere to all terms, conditions, and expectations of the Red Sox Scholars Program should I be selected as a 2024 Red Sox Scholar and understand my complete application must be received by the Foundation by Thursday, February 29, 2024 in order to be considered.

- I have read and agree to the Applicant's Statement above, and I agree to be bound by all the Terms and Conditions of the Red Sox Scholars Program should I be selected as a recipient.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

8. SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION & NEXT STEPS

Completed applications must be submitted to RedSoxScholars@redsox.com by **Thursday, February 29, 2024**.

Our selection committee looks forward to reading your application!

The Scholar Selection Committee will review all eligible applications, giving careful consideration to all aspects of the application. The 20 application finalists will be invited to an interview with the Committee, who will then select 12 students to become 2024 Red Sox Scholars.

March 13, 2024 Fifty (50) semi-finalists receive virtual interview invitation
April 8, 2024 Twenty (20) finalists receive in-person interview invitation
May 4, 2024 Finalist Interview Day – In person at Fenway Park
May 13, 2024 2024 Scholars receive their acceptance letter



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