



GUIDELINES FOR LEE COUNTY RED SOX SCHOLARSHIP **2019-2020**

History and Purpose

The Lee County Red Sox Scholarship is an honor awarded by the Red Sox Foundation, the official team charity of the Boston Red Sox. **Red Sox Foundation will award a \$5,000 scholarship to 13 academically talented Lee County public high school seniors who have shown a commitment to community service.** This prestigious scholarship award is for students pursuing a two-year or four-year degree at any college or university. In Spring 2020, the Lee County Red Sox Scholarship will award 13 scholarships, valued at \$5,000 each to one student attending each of the following Lee County public high schools.

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| 1. Cape Coral High School | 8. Island Coast High School |
| 2. Cypress Lake High School | 9. Lehigh Senior High School |
| 3. Dunbar High School | 10. Mariner High School |
| 4. East Lee County High School | 11. North Fort Myers High School |
| 5. Estero High School | 12. Riverdale High School |
| 6. Fort Myers High School | 13. South Fort Myers High School |
| 7. Ida S. Baker High School | |

Criteria

These prestigious awards will honor 13 Lee County public high school seniors at the selected schools and who will be selected by the Red Sox Foundation according to the following criteria:

- Each recipient must be a legal resident of Lee County and must plan to attend a two or four-year degree program at an accredited college or university and must be a graduating senior from one of the 13 selected public high schools in Lee County. Applicants must be planning to enter their first year of college or postsecondary education in Fall 2020.**
- Lee County Red Sox Scholarships Committee will select the scholarship award recipients.**
- Recipients will be chosen from applications submitted by eligible students based on the following criteria:**
 - Academic performance**
 - Demonstrated community service**
 - Eligibility for financial aid**

The Scholarship Committee carefully weighs all aspects of a student's application, but a B average or above and community service are key considerations.

Terms of Award

The Foundation requires that all students comply with the terms of the award offered at the time of their acceptance of this prominent scholarship.



Scholarship Application

Lee County Red Sox Scholarship Application is now online. All applicants must submit their application online at

<https://www.redsoxfoundation.org/fenway-south/flscholarship/>

Please note that the online application form has several sections that require file uploads. Make sure you have the following documents on hand before proceeding with your application. Make sure you fill every required field marked with * and upload all documents before the deadline as Scholarship Committee will not review incomplete applications.

1. **Written Essay – step 10**

Upload a double-spaced, 500-1,000 word essay responding to one of the following questions to complete and submit with your application. **Please choose only one.** Photos and other documents are not required. Please be sure to include your full name and page numbers on each page of the essay. **Please do not send a link to your essay on your google shared file. Essay must be saved and uploaded as PDF** - no google link or documents created and saved as .gdoc or .pages accepted.

Essay Questions – choose only one

1. Evaluate a significant experience, achievement or risk you have taken and its impact on you.
2. Discuss some ethical dilemma you have faced, how you resolved it and its importance to you.

2. **Personal Statement – step 12**

Please include a maximum 500 word personal statement telling us something about you that we would not know otherwise from this application. **Please do not send a link to your google shared file. Essay must be saved and uploaded as PDF** - no google link or documents created and saved as .gdoc or .pages accepted.

3. **Student Aid Report (SAR) – step 13**

The SAR is the form sent back to you after you filled out the Department of Education's Free Application for Federal Student Aid ("FAFSA"). The SAR is required for any student applying for financial aid and helps colleges determine your student loans/grants/work study package. All applicants must include a copy of the entire SAR, including the Expected Family Contribution ("EFC"), with your application.– If you have not received your SAR by this date, please include a copy of the confirmation email received upon submitting your FAFSA and send in your SAR as soon as it becomes available.

If you do not have your SAR by December 31, 2019, include a copy of the confirmation email received upon submitting your FAFSA and email your SAR to FLScholarship@redsox.com as soon as it becomes available.

4. **Official High School Transcript – step 13**

Make sure that a list of your Grade 11 and 12 courses are included on your transcript. Please also include college transcripts if you have taken any college courses for credit while in high school. Please refer to the upload instruction below under Letter of Recommendation.



Letter of Recommendation – step 13

We understand teacher recommendations for college are a priority. Guidance counselor does not need to write a special letter of recommendation for this scholarship. A copy of your college letter of recommendation is acceptable, however, your recommender should be aware of the academic talent and community service requirements of Lee County Red Sox scholarship. Please refer to the upload instruction below.

Uploading Files: If you are not able to upload your Transcript or Recommendation letter due to school regulations, please upload necessary documents and click “save as draft” at the bottom of the screen in section 13. You will receive an email with additional instructions on how your guidance counselor can upload the necessary files per your request. Once your guidance counselor uploads the necessary files your application will be complete.

5. Supplemental Files – step 14

When uploading supplemental materials for the application, please label your high school, full name and file type. i.e., *Alvine High School - Smith, John – Supplemental document*

The files should be selected from a folder on your computer. The files will be listed under the attachment box. Files will be uploaded when you click submit. Attachments must be in one (1) of the following formats: Pdf, doc, docx, xls, xlsx. Limit the file size to less than 10MB.)

Deadline for Lee County Red Sox Scholarship is **Tuesday, December 31st, 2019.**

THE FOLLOWING POLICY APPLIES TO THE FOUNDATION FOR LEE COUNTY RED SOX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND SAVE IT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

Scholarship grants will be made directly to the awardee’s qualifying college once the scholar is accepted and enrolled. Under no circumstances will grant funds be distributed directly to the scholar, family member, relative, trustee, guardian or any other individual. No cash payments will be made to any entity other than the college where the student is enrolled. Funds may be used for the scholar’s tuition, room, board or other college fees. Funds are not transferable to other students, programs or schools.