



2020 NEW ENGLAND SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINE FOR VERMONT

History and Purpose

The New England Red Sox Service Scholarships for Vermont is an honor awarded by the Red Sox Foundation, the official team charity of the Boston Red Sox. In spring 2020, Foundation will award a \$1,000 scholarship to **41 academically talented Vermont public high school seniors who have shown commitment to community service**. This prestigious scholarship award is proudly sponsored by **Ford Motor Company Fund** for seniors pursuing a two or four-year degree at any college or university in the fall, 2020. New England Service Scholarships for Vermont will be awarded to one student at each of the following 41 schools:

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| 1. Arlington Memorial High School | 15. Hartford High School | 27. North Country Union High School |
| 2. Bellows Falls Union High School | 16. Harwood Union High School | 28. Northfield Middle/High School |
| 3. Bellows Free Academy | 17. Hazen Union High School | 29. Otter Valley Union High School |
| 4. Blue Mountain Union High School | 18. Lake Region Union High School | 30. Peoples Academy |
| 5. Brattleboro Union High School | 19. Lamoille Union High School* | 31. Poultney High School |
| 6. Burlington High School | 20. Leland & Gray Union Middle/High School | 32. Randolph Union High School |
| 7. Canaan Memorial High School | 21. Middlebury Union High School | 33. Rutland High School |
| 8. Champlain Valley Union High School | 22. Mill River Union High School* | 34. South Burlington High School |
| 9. Chelsea High School | 23. Missisquoi Valley Union High School | 35. South Royalton/ <u>White River Valley High</u> School |
| 10. Craftsbury Schools | 24. Montpelier High School | 36. Spaulding High School |
| 11. Danville School | 25. Mount Anthony Union High School | 37. Springfield High School* |
| 12. Enosburg Falls Jr/Sr High School | 26. Mt. Mansfield Union High School* | 38. Stowe High School |
| 13. Essex High School | | 39. U-32 Middle & High School* |
| 14. Fair Haven Union High School | | 40. Vergennes Union High School |
| | | 41. Woodstock Union High School |

(*) *New Schools added for 2020*

Criteria

Red Sox Foundation will select a Vermont public high school senior from each of the 41 select schools based on the following criteria:

1. Each recipient must be a legal resident of Vermont and must plan to attend a two or four-year degree program at an accredited college, university or trade school and must be a graduating senior from one of the 41 selected public high schools in Vermont. Applicants must be planning to enter their first year of college or post-secondary education in Fall 2020.
2. Vermont Red Sox Service Scholarships award recipients will be selected by the New England Service Scholarship Committee based on the following criteria:
 - **Academic performance**
 - **Demonstrated community service**
 - **Eligibility for financial aid**



Terms of Award

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

Scholarship Information

All applicants must submit an online scholarship application at <https://www.redsoxfoundation.org/servicescholarships/> with promo code: **RICTVT2020**

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 9

Upload a double-spaced, 500-1,000 word essay responding to the prompt below. Photos and other documents are not required. Please be sure to include your high school, 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.

Prompt: How has your community service defined who you are and influenced your plans for the future?

2. Personal Statement – step 11

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 but upload your statement as PDF** - no google link or documents created and saved as .gdoc or .pages will be 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 upload 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 February 7, 2020, upload a copy of the confirmation email received upon submitting FAFSA and email your SAR to NEScholarship@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.*

5. 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 New England Service 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 instruction 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.

6. 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 New England Service Scholarship for RI, CT and VT is **Friday, February 7, 2020.**

THE FOLLOWING POLICY APPLIES TO THE NEW ENGLAND SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE APPLICANTS. 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.