

# *RGV Gives Back*

# Scholarship

*This scholarship will be awarded to a **current graduate student** from the Rio Grande Valley who exhibits dedication, leadership, and community involvement.*

## **ELIGIBILITY/CRITERIA NEEDED FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:**

- Students must submit an **application, resume,** and a 500-word **essay** (choose one prompt from below) **before Saturday, May 17th, 2025 at 5:00 pm to [RGVGivesBack@gmail.com](mailto:RGVGivesBack@gmail.com)**.
- **Please submit a combined PDF document with all application material included. File should be named using your first name, last name, application type & year of application submission. (Example: `JulissaCantuAlvarez_GraduateStudentApp_2025`)**
- Please submit an unofficial **graduate school transcript**
  - Graduate College GPA requirement of 2.5 or above
- *Preference will be given to students living in or from the Rio Grande Valley.*
- Scholarships will be paid upon proof of full-time enrollment at a two-year college or four-year university.

## **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Full Name:

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Birthdate:

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Address:

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Email:

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Phone Number:

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How did you hear about this student scholarship opportunity?

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## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Undergraduate College/University:

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Undergraduate College GPA [*out of 4.0*]:

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Major:

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Minor(s):

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Graduate School:

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Graduate Program:

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Area of Study:

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GPA [*out of 4.0*]:

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ESSAY (PROMPT 1)

The community involvement essay must be a 300 to 500-word essay [up to *two pages, double spaced*] discussing your community involvement, whether in the RGV or where you currently reside, and how it

has impacted your perspective of your community. There is no specific prompt or theme, but writing does need to be appropriate.

## **NEED-BASED ESSAY (PROMPT 2)**

The need-based essay must be a 300 to 500-word essay [up to *two pages, double spaced*] discussing your need for the scholarship and why you believe RGV Gives Back should select you as the recipient. (This may include but is not limited to: economic or social hardships, etc.) There is no specific prompt or theme, but writing does need to be appropriate.

**For further questions please contact Julissa Cantu-Alvarez at [RGVGivesBack@gmail.com](mailto:RGVGivesBack@gmail.com) or at 956.252.6217.**

## **SCHOLARSHIP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, affirm that the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I verify that this application, resume, and essay attached are of my own work and

the best of my personal abilities. If selected in receiving this scholarship, I agree to use the funds provided for educational purposes and/or resources.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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