

Ramirez Family Foundation

New Student – Undergraduate Guidelines

The Ramirez Family Foundation supports Christian missions worldwide and supports scholars who demonstrate their faith and values, understand the uniqueness of America as envisioned by our founders, and appreciate the global impact of the free enterprise system developed in America.

The scholarship provides outstanding, self-motivated applicants the opportunity to complete their university education with financial assistance to minimize student debt. We are excited to support highly qualified students whose values and faith will help them positively impact their family, community, and country after they graduate.

Who is eligible for a new student scholarship?

1. The student must qualify in one of these categories:

- St. Augustine Preparatory Academy Graduate
- Child of a full-time employee of Husco¹
- Child of Missionary Ventures International (MVI) missionaries or full-time MVI employee
- Other Foundation eligible category as determined by the Trustees of the Foundation

2. The student must have an ACT score of 18 or higher.²

3. The student must have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher.²

4. The student must have been accepted into an accredited university or college:

- 4-year accredited university or college – all eligibility categories
- 2-year accredited college, technical school, or online university – ONLY graduates of St. Augustine Preparatory Academy are eligible for awards at these types of schools

5. The student must demonstrate Christian values and an appreciation and understanding of the uniqueness of the values our country's founders envisioned.

What do students need to submit to be considered for the scholarship?

1. Complete the online application including the following components:

- Essay questions on specific topics within application
- Official transcript
- Official ACT score report
- College/university acceptance letter

¹ This includes a natural or legally adopted child of a full-time Husco employee. The full-time employee must have had at least three years of continuous service with Husco immediately prior to the initial application deadline date. Please note: Children of officers and members of the Board of Directors of Husco and children of Trustees of the Foundation or the Scholarship Committee are not eligible.

² There may be exceptions for students recommended by the school principal, based on outstanding character and leadership skills.

- 2 recommendation letters uploaded by recommender - from a teacher, counselor, school administrator, or school coach

All required materials listed above are to be uploaded in the online application. If you have difficulty uploading documents, e-mail scholarships@husco.com.

Note: Students from St. Augustine Preparatory Academy will have their senior portfolios reviewed by the committee as a part of their scholarship application. Portfolios will be acquired directly by the Ramirez Family Foundation and do not need to be attached to the application.

2. Once the application is reviewed, approved students will read a book chosen by the Ramirez family and write a 1,000 - 2,000-word essay. Based on a well-written and timely book report, scholarships are formally awarded.

What is the scholarship process and timeline?

February 1st, 2024 - Application portal opens

March 8th, 2024 – Application portal closes (late applications will not be accepted)

Late April 2024 - Decisions are made by the committee and reading assignment is given

July 3rd, 2024 - Book report is due and scholarship selection confirmed

July 2024 - After receiving a successful essay the 1st semester check is issued

January 2025 - After receiving copies of 1st semester grades the 2nd check is issued after grade approval

What are the award details?

4-year accredited university or college	2-year accredited college, technical school, or online university
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$3,000 per year for first-year applicants* ▪ Paid out 50% per semester ▪ Only for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and/or equipment for courses of instruction at a fully accredited university or college ▪ The scholarship is for one year but renewable for up to four years at the sole discretion of the scholarship committee. Decisions are based on academic performance, an acceptable book essay, and timely submissions. The committee may or may not renew a scholarship for any reason based on their sole discretion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$1,000 per year for first year applicants* ▪ Paid out 50% per semester ▪ Only for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and/or equipment for courses of instruction at a fully accredited university or college ▪ The scholarship is for one year but renewable for up to two years at the sole discretion of the scholarship committee. Decisions are based on academic performance, an acceptable book essay, and timely submissions. The committee may or may not renew a scholarship for any reason based on their sole discretion.

*Awards are discretionary but are typically this amount

What are the selection considerations and further details?

1. The following factors are considered by the Scholarship Selection Committee in selecting award recipients:

- Scholastic achievement (ACT scores and High School GPA)
- Demonstrated aptitude for rigors of advanced educational work

- Qualities of leadership and participation in co-curricular or extracurricular activities, including athletic and religious activities
- Evidence of self-motivation, drive, initiative, and perseverance
- Evidence of high moral standards and values
- In-depth review of scholarship application by the Selection Committee
- Acceptable essay on required reading, approved by the Selection Committee

2. Receipt of other scholarship funds does not disqualify an applicant from receiving an award from the Agustin A. Ramirez, Jr. Family Foundation Scholarship Program, but it is taken into consideration.

3. Full-time enrollment is a requirement for scholarship participants.

- Scholarship award recipients must enroll as full-time, undergraduate students within nine months after being notified of the award.
- Students must be attending school full-time for the semester their check is issued. If a student's status changes to part-time, a refund will be requested.
- Students are only eligible for one semester of funds in the following circumstances:
 - Early graduation/attending school for one semester
 - Internships/co-ops during the school year
 - Student teaching

4. Student cannot participate in the All-In Milwaukee Scholarship Program.

To start your application

1. Visit our application portal at <http://rff.smapply.org/>
2. Click "Register" in the top, right-hand corner and put in your information to create an account.
3. After creating your account, click "View Programs" and select the "New Student Application – Undergraduate."
4. Once on the guidelines page for the New Student Application, click "Apply" and you'll be able to begin your application.