

# RUNNING CLUB NORTH

## 2021 SCHOLARSHIP RULES & ELIGIBILITY

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Running Club North (RCN) values academic excellence and running contributions made by Interior Alaska high school students. RCN will award scholarships (valued at \$1000 each) to two applicants graduating from an Interior Alaska high school and going on to an institute of higher learning (including 2-year and 4-year programs as well as some trade schools).

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- A. **Eligibility:** To be eligible for the RCN scholarship award, applicants must be:
1. a high school senior graduating in 2022 from an Interior Alaska high school or equivalent homeschool or distance learning program;
  2. a member of a local running program or team; and
  3. accepted to an accredited program at an institute of higher learning at the time scholarship funds are disbursed.
- B. **Definition:** For purposes of meeting the eligibility requirements, an *institute of higher learning* is defined as an educational institution in any state or country that:
1. Admits as regular students only persons having a certificate of graduation from a school providing secondary education, or the recognized equivalent of such a certificate;
  2. Is legally authorized within such state or country to provide a program of education beyond secondary education;
  3. Provides an educational program for which the institution awards a bachelor's degree or provides not less than a 2-year program that is acceptable for full credit towards such a degree, or awards a degree that is acceptable for admission to a graduate professional degree program or that provides not less than a 1-year program of training to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation; and
  4. Is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association, or if not so accredited, is an institution that has been granted pre-accreditation status by such an agency.

C. **Evaluation Criteria:** Applications will be assessed based on the following:

1. Content of personal essay on the specified topic;
2. Participation in the running community;
3. Citizenship and community service; and
4. High school grade point average (GPA).

D. **Required Documents:** Applicants must submit all of the following information by the published deadline in order to be considered:

1. Completed [application form](#), including list of jobs, community participation, and participation in the running community. Please include running club membership information if applicable. If you have a resume that includes all of this information, you can include this as a separate document, and write "See Resume" in the application field.
2. Supplemental materials, to be emailed to [scholarship@runningclubnorth.org](mailto:scholarship@runningclubnorth.org) and to include:
  - a. A personal essay on the topic: Tell a story that demonstrates why running is important to you.
  - b. Two letters of recommendation; one letter must be from a coach, and neither letter can be from an immediate family member (i.e. grandparent, parent, sibling).

\*\*Please note: Applicants are strongly encouraged to include a copy of an acceptance letter from an institute of higher learning with the application. An acceptance letter will be required of successful applicants prior to scholarship payment. \*\*

E. **Application Deadline:** October 29, 2021 (midnight Alaska time)

F. **Award Announcement:** Scholarship awards will be announced by November 19, 2021. Winners will be contacted directly.