

Robert Ross Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who is awarding this scholarship?

A: This scholarship is awarded by Cross Community, Inc. (CCI), a Trenton-based non-profit organization that sees the value in everyone. CCI meets community and individual needs by providing opportunity for advancement, access to resources, and collaboration throughout the greater Trenton area.

Q. What are the application requirements for this scholarship?

A: Applicants must:

- Be a resident of the Greater Trenton Area (Trenton, Hamilton, Ewing, Lawrenceville).
- Be accepted and enrolled at a private preparatory school.
- Be entering grades 6-12.
- Demonstrate financial need.

Q. How do I apply?

A: All who are interested and eligible may apply online at

www.cctrentonnj.org/scholarships.

1. Click the "Apply Now" button under the Robert Ross Scholarship description. This will take you to the online application.
2. Answer all questions and upload all documents to the application.
 - a. A confirmation email will be sent when the application is received by CCI. Applicants should contact CCI if a confirmation email is not received.
3. Once applications are received, school counselors and/or personal references are contacted to submit additional information.

Q. What is the amount of the scholarship award?

A: Recipients of the Robert Ross Scholarship are eligible to receive upwards of \$35,000 depending on grade of entry when initially awarded the scholarship. This award is distributed in \$5,000 increments for each academic year as long as the recipient can verify enrollment at a private preparatory school.

Q. What school may I attend?

A: Recipients must attend and be enrolled at a private preparatory school in the United States.

Q: When is the deadline for submission of materials?

A: The online application must be completed and submitted no later than **5:00 PM** on **May 23, 2025**. All required materials from school counselors must be submitted no later than **June 6, 2025**.

Q: What constitutes a complete application packet?

A: A complete application package includes the following:

- A fully completed application with copies of your school transcript from your current school and financial aid agreement from your new school uploaded.
- A personal statement/essay:
 - Submit a short essay explaining how receiving this scholarship will help you and detailing anything you would like us to know about you that wasn't mentioned in your application. Statements should be typed in either Times New Roman, Arial, or Calibri 12pt font, double spaced, and a minimum of 300 words.
- The signed Acknowledgements and Authorization Form, found in the online application, signed by both the scholarship candidate and his/her/their parent/guardian.
- A reference from an adult who can tell us a bit more about why you deserve to receive this award. Cross Community, Inc. will contact your reference directly to complete a reference form. It will include:
 - A brief questionnaire about the applicant
 - A statement providing any information about you that may assist us in considering you for this scholarship.

Q: How will I be notified if I am chosen as a recipient?

A: All applicants will be notified in writing by email, whether or not they have been selected to receive a scholarship. Those students selected will receive a scholarship agreement and information about the scholarship terms.

Q: Who can I contact if I have any questions?

A: Anyone with questions about the scholarship can call or email Jasmine Ross at (609) 293-5343 or jross@crosscommunityinc.org.