

Instructions for Student

The Ray-Carroll County Grain Growers Scholarship Fund will grant several scholarships to seniors who are children of Ray-Carroll members or members of Ray-Carroll themselves and who are graduating this year from a high school located in the Ray-Carroll trade territory.

To be considered for this scholarship you must complete the following requirements:

1. Attend a school or university in Missouri.
2. Ensure that the completed application and required information are at Ray-Carroll's main office in **Richmond by Wednesday, February 11, 2026**. Can also be emailed to jillj@ray-carroll.com
3. Complete the application form in ink or with a typewriter or computer and **sign it**.
4. Write a personal information essay that covers the points listed below:
 - The vocation or profession you plan to pursue.
 - Why you have made this choice.
 - Why you desire to attend college or take vocational training.
 - The influence that you expect college or vocational training to have on your life.
 - How much education/training you plan to pursue.
 - How much of the cost you and your parents will be able to meet.
 - What high school has meant to you.
 - School, community and church activities.
 - Any other information you desire to present including unusual family or financial situations.
5. Ask **three or more** teachers or other individuals who have had you in class or activities to write a letter of recommendation for you. These letters should be given to the counselor, not handed to you. It will be your responsibility to choose an individual who knows you well and is able to write a knowledgeable letter about you and your abilities. Please check with these individuals before the scholarship deadline to ensure that the letters have been completed and delivered to the counselor.
6. Remind the counselor that he/she needs to include a copy of your **seven-semester transcript** along with a notation of your **class rank** and **number of students in your graduating class**, **current grade point average**, and **ACT score**.
7. **Finish all materials in time for your complete application to be at the Richmond office by Wednesday, February 11, 2026**. Can also be emailed to jillj@ray-carroll.com

We are pleased that you are taking advantage of this opportunity. The Ray-Carroll County Grain Growers Scholarship Fund is eager to award these scholarships to deserving students who might not otherwise receive such aid.

Sincerely,
Ray-Carroll County Grain Growers Scholarship Committee

APPLICATION FOR RAY-CARROLL SCHOLARSHIP

I desire to be considered as a candidate for the Ray-Carroll Scholarships to be given this year. **I understand that I must be the child of a Ray-Carroll member or be a member of Ray-Carroll myself**, that I must attend a school or university in the state of Missouri, that I must include a transcript containing my class rank, grade point average and ACT scores with this application, that I will obtain three letters of recommendation from my teachers or other individuals who know me well and will be able to write a knowledgeable letter about me and my abilities and that I will prepare a brief paper covering, but not limited to, the following subjects: (1) the vocation or profession I plan to pursue, (2) why I have made this choice, (3) why I desire to attend college or take vocational training, (4) the influence that I expect this education to have on my life, (5) how much training I plan to take, (6) how much of the cost my parents and I will be able to meet, (7) what high school has meant to me, (8) school, community and church activities, and (9) any unusual family or financial situations that I would desire to present to the committee.

Please print or type

Name in Full _____
First Full Middle Name Last

Date of Birth _____ Male _____ Female _____ Birthplace _____

Full Name of
Parent or Guardian _____ Phone Number _____

Permanent Address of
Parent or Guardian _____
St. or Rt. No. Town County State Zip Code

Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Occupation _____

On the following line, list the names and ages of all brothers and sisters who are dependent upon this family unit for their support (exclude yourself).

Missouri School or College I Plan to Attend _____

List below the name of the individual whose Ray-Carroll membership makes you eligible for this scholarship and your relationship to this individual. If that individual's membership is through a farm or corporate business, please list the farm/corporate name as well as the individual's name.

Individual's name	(Farm/Corporate Name, If Applicable)	Your Relationship to this Individual
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Please list all other scholarships, awards or financial aids for which you have applied or which have been granted to you (indicate which) for the coming years. (Use back of form for more room.)

Name of Financial Aid	Value	Has it been granted to you?
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Your Signature

2026 Ray-Carroll County Grain Growers Scholarship

Instructions for Counselor

Attached you will find application forms for the 2026 Ray-Carroll County Grain Growers Scholarships. Please distribute these forms to any interested seniors as soon as possible. The number and amounts of scholarships will be determined by the scholarship committee when applications are evaluated. In 2025, twenty scholarships for a total of \$20,000.00 were awarded.

All scholarship forms must be completed and in the hands of personnel at the Richmond office by **Wednesday, February 11, 2026**. Please be sure that you give the applicants a due date back to you that will allow you enough time to gather recommendations and other required information so that applications can be at the Ray-Carroll office by **Wednesday, February 11, 2026**. Please note last couple of years some Mail has taken over a month to receive.

*****Only students who are children of Ray-Carroll members or members of Ray-Carroll themselves are eligible for this scholarship*****

***The teacher rating chart has been discontinued and replaced with three individual letters of recommendation from a teacher or other individual who knows the student well and will be able to write a knowledgeable letter about the individual and his abilities. Also, scholarship interviews have been discontinued; awards will be made directly from applications.**

*Include a copy of each applicant's **seven-semester transcript** with a notation of his **grade point average, class rank** and **ACT score** with the application.

*Please check the financial aids section of the application. If you are aware of any awards or financial aid that the student has not listed, please list them. We would also ask that you make a notation of any awards and aids that have been or will be granted even though this may not have been disclosed to the applicant or announced to the general public. We will keep all information confidential.

*Make sure that the student plans to attend a school or university in the state of Missouri. Scholarship bylaws require this condition.

*Be sure that applications will be at the main office in Richmond by **Wednesday, February 11, 2026**. The mailing address is as follows:

Ray-Carroll County Grain Growers Scholarship Committee
Ray-Carroll County Grain Growers, Inc.
P O Box 158
Richmond, MO 64085

Applications can also be **emailed** to Jill Jennings at email address: **jillj@ray-carroll.com**
Thank you for helping us with these applications.

Sincerely,
Ray-Carroll County Grain Growers Scholarship Committee

Counselor's Checklist—Please be sure you have included the following information for each applicant:

1. **Completed, signed application form**
2. **Personal essay**
3. **Three or more letters of recommendation**
4. **7-semester transcript**
5. **Grade point average**
6. **Class rank and number in graduating class**
7. **ACT score**