

# 2018 STEM Scholarship Application

## *Application Deadline: March 16, 2018*

### **Purpose**

Veolia will award two STEM scholarships to provide financial assistance to outstanding graduating seniors in the Rialto Unified School District who intend to pursue a degree in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

Scholarship recipients will receive a one-time scholarship award of \$2,500 payable to an accredited public or private institution of higher learning. The scholarship awards are outright grant awards. No services will be required as a consequence of receiving the award. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, books, education fees, and/or living expenses payable to an accredited public or private institution of higher learning.

### **Eligibility**

Outstanding graduating seniors attending high school in the city of Rialto, California are eligible to apply. The scholarship is open to students from all backgrounds regardless of age, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or national origin.

No award may be recommended for employees of a Veolia North America company (including subsidiaries and affiliates) and their family members. "Family member" shall include: spouse, domestic partner, children, parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandchildren, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, step-parents, step-children, or legal guardian.

### **Application Procedures**

Applicants must have a minimum unweighted GPA of at least 3.0 and submit a completed application, high school transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, two short essays submitted by the date specified on the application, and evidence of admission to an accredited public or private institution of higher learning.

### **Selection Criteria and Procedures**

Scholarship applications are judged first on the completeness of the information submitted. The award committee will then review the entire submittal and score it based on:

- Academic achievement
- Work experience & internships
- Honors and awards
- Community service
- Essay and writing

Top candidates may be invited for a personal interview before the committee to learn more about the candidate and their qualifications.

The award committee will choose two applicants and award the scholarships. Scholarships will be announced in early May 2018. Winners will be notified by mail.

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### **Scholarship Notification and Payment Procedures**

Following the judging, applicants will receive a letter advising them of the status of the scholarship award. Veolia will ask scholarship winners to complete an agreement signifying formal acceptance of the award, student contact information, verification of college or university enrollment, and the contact information at the financial aid office. The award will be made directly to the college upon receipt of enrollment verification.

A memorandum will accompany the check sent to the school which explains the scholarship and requests the school notify Veolia if the award winner withdraws from school.

Funds can only be used for tuition, books, education fees, and/or living expenses, beginning the fall of 2018.

### **Steps for submitting your completed scholarship application**

Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Scan all of your documents into a single PDF and then email it to the scholarship award committee at this address: [Rialto.Scholarship@veolia.com](mailto:Rialto.Scholarship@veolia.com).

You will receive an automatic reply to let you know that your application has been received. The selection committee will review your application and conduct in-person interviews if judges would like to meet the applicants.

### **Before you submit your completed scholarship application**

Please make sure that you scan and include:

1. Your high school transcripts
2. Copies of both of your essays
3. Your SAT and ACT scores (if not already included on your transcript)

### **Required essays**

**\*\*Essay #1** (700 words maximum, separate sheet)

What can communities like Rialto do to ensure they meet the state mandated water conservation quota? Give detailed examples of what the City, industries, businesses and residents can do to reduce water use.

**\*\*Essay #2** (700 words maximum, separate sheet)

Water is the world's most abundant and yet most precious resource. Please research careers in water quality management and tell us how and why you want to be of service protecting public health and the environment for current and future generations.

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### Scholarship Application Checklist

- Scholarship Application Form
- Transcript
- Two (2) Essays (Maximum 700 words each) *include your name on the top of each essay*
- Copy of SAT or ACT scores if not included on transcript