

# APPLICATION GUIDE



## 2021 ROGERS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

**Application Period Nov. 1, 2020 to Jan. 31, 2021**



Rogers Scholars—The Center for Rural Development’s flagship youth program—provides leadership and college scholarship opportunities to help upcoming high school juniors in Southern and Eastern Kentucky develop the skills they need to seize their potential as the region’s next generation of business and entrepreneurial leaders.

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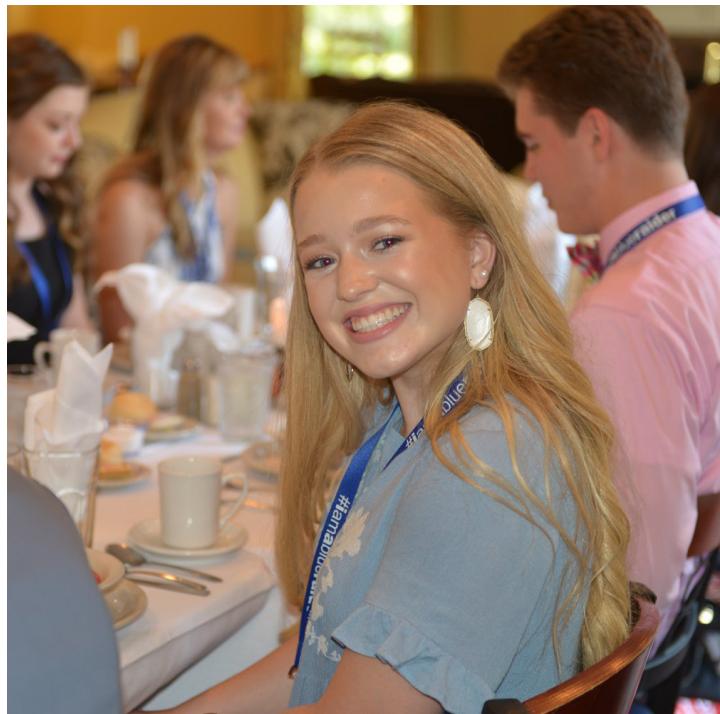


# ELIGIBILITY

During this intensive week-long program, Rogers Scholars work on building their leadership skills, participate in a series of team-building exercises; receive hands-on instructional training from professional experts in engineering, healthcare, and civic engagement; and interact with nationally recognized business leaders and entrepreneurs. The program focuses on developing skills in leadership, technology, entrepreneurship, and community service.

High school students apply during their sophomore year and, if selected, will attend one of two Rogers Scholars summer sessions just before they enter the 11th grade. All lodging, meals, and program expenses (with the exception of transportation to and from the program) are at no cost to the student.

Since the program's inception in 1998, there have been 1,374 high school students who have graduated from Rogers Scholars. Students in the program are offered exclusive scholarship opportunities from 19 participating colleges and universities.



In order to qualify for the program students have to meet the following requirements:

- Be a current sophomore at a high school located within the 45-county service area of The Center for Rural Development. The forty-five county service area consists of the following Kentucky counties: Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Taylor, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.
- Have a strong interest in developing skills in leadership, technology, entrepreneurship, and community service.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4 point scale).

## CAMP DATES

Week 1 - June 6-11, 2021

Week 2 - July 18-23, 2021

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

JANUARY 31, 2021

[centeryouthprograms.com](http://centeryouthprograms.com)

# SELECTION PROCESS

A total of 60 students from Southern and Eastern Kentucky are selected to attend the program each year. There are two different camp options: Morehead State University and Lindsey Wilson College. Each camp will host 30 students. A selection committee consisting of staff from The Center for Rural Development will be established. In order to ensure fairness, applications will be blinded and applicant names removed prior to distributing copies to the selection committee. The committee will review and score all of the applications according to the criteria and point values established for each section. The applicant with the highest score in each county will be selected as that county's representative. After those 45 selections are made, the highest 15 scores of the remaining applicants will also be selected as Rogers Scholars. As a result, some schools and/or counties will have more than one representative.

Every applicant remaining after the first 60 selections will be considered an alternate and will be ranked from the highest to lowest score. If a selected Scholar is unable to attend the program, the alternates will be contacted in order of their rank until the open spot is filled. For this reason, all applicants are encouraged to keep the program dates and the possibility of selection in mind as they make their plans for the summer.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

The 2021 Rogers Scholars application has been moved to Google Classroom. This year the application will be self-paced and students can work on the application over a period of time. The application period will open on November 1, 2020 and will close on January 31, 2021 at midnight.

To complete the application, you will need to refer to the Rogers Scholars application page at [centeryouthprograms.com](http://centeryouthprograms.com) and get connected to Google Classroom. The next few pages describe how to get connected to Google Classroom and start the application. On the back page, you will find an application checklist which includes all of the items you will need for the application. If you have any questions or run into any issues, please use the contact information below.

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# GOOGLE CLASSROOM

The first step of the application process is getting connected to Google Classroom. If you already have a Google Classroom account, skip to step 2.

**STEP ONE:** If you do not have a Google Classroom account or access to Google Classroom, you will have to create a new email address at gmail.com. Make sure to use the students' information to create the account. Google Classroom pulls personal information from the Google account holder, so the email needs to belong to the student who is applying for the program.

**STEP TWO:** Once you have a registered Google account, go to [centeryouthprograms.com/rogers-scholars-application-splash/](http://centeryouthprograms.com/rogers-scholars-application-splash/) to retrieve the Google Classroom code. Copy the code or write the code on a piece of paper.

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**STEP THREE:** Once you have the code, go to the google classroom landing page at [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com). Once there, click on the + sign in the upper right hand corner of the page. Click on "Join Class."

**STEP FOUR:** After you click on "Join Class," it will take you to a "Class Code" page. There you paste or type in the code in the red circle indicated below.

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A screenshot of the 'Sign in with a class code' section of the Google Classroom website. It shows a text input field labeled 'Class code' with the placeholder 'Ask your teacher for the class code, then enter it here.' Inside the input field, the class code '3qa4dyh' is typed. A large red circle highlights the input field, indicating where the user should enter the copied class code.

To sign in with a class code

- Use an authorized account
- Use a class code with 5-7 letters or numbers, and no spaces or symbols

If you have trouble joining the class, go to the [Help Center article](#)

**STEP FIVE:** After you have connected to the classroom, it will take you to a streaming page for the Rogers Scholars application. In order to access each assignment, you will need to click on the “Classwork” tab indicated in red below. The application is self-paced and can be completed over time. All assignments need to be completed prior to January 31st at midnight. On the next page, you will find an application checklist which describes everything you need for the application.

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Stream Classwork People Grades

Rogers Scholars Classroom #1  
10th Grade  
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Share something with your class...

Upcoming  
No work due soon

Rogers Scholars posted a new assignment: Contact Information Form Sep 4

Rogers Scholars posted a new assignment: Letters of Recommendation Sep 4

Rogers Scholars posted a new assignment: List of Community Service Activities Sep 4

Rogers Scholars posted a new assignment: List of Extracurricular Activities Sep 4

Rogers Scholars posted a new assignment: Transcript or Grade Report Sep 4

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# ROGERS SCHOLARS 2021

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### ■ ESSAY - 45 points

- Read the essay prompt on the assignment page and write a minimum one page/ maximum two page typed essay based on the prompt.
- Follow the formatting requirements or it will result in a deduction of points. Refer to the rubric on the assignment page.

### ■ EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - 30 points

- Sit down and make a list of all of the extracurricular activities you've been involved in that relate to the following topics: Leadership (sports, leadership roles, clubs, organizations); Technology (Any activity using or learning forms of technology such as a 3-D printer); and Entrepreneurship (FBLA, DECA, summer jobs, fundraisers, etc.)
- Make sure to include dates in your list.
- You can list up to 10 items in each category.

### ■ COMMUNITY SERVICE - 20 points

- Sit down and make a list of all of the community service activities you've been involved in that are school related and non-school related.
- Make sure to include dates in your list.
- You can list up to 10 items in each category for a total of 20 points.
- Community service activities are those you are NOT paid to do and on a strict volunteer basis.

### ■ ACADEMIC REPORT/TRANSCRIPT - 5 points

- Contact your school counselor and ask for an up to date academic grade report or transcript.
- This must be an official report and must include your UNWEIGHTED GPA.
- This section is broken down in two categories. You will receive up to 3 points based on a GPA scale and up to 2 points will be given for any advanced level or AP courses listed on your report.

### ■ BONUS FOR EXPLORERS AND ELI - 5 points

- Make sure to answer the question in the contact information form to indicate that you have attended either Rogers Explorers or ELI.

### ■ LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- You need 3 letters of recommendation. Two Letters need to come from someone in the school district or districts in which you've attended. One Letter needs to come from a member of the community who does not work for the school district or districts in which you've attended. Letter writers cannot be related to you. Letters are not worth any points. However, if you don't submit them, you will be deducted 5 points for each missing letter.

### ■ CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

- Gather personal information such as your address, school information, polo shirt size, student and parent/guardian email addresses, student and parent/guardian phone numbers, and your camp location preference.