



Raymond Gordon Memorial Scholarship

The **Raymond Gordon Memorial Scholarship** was established in memory of Raymond Gordon, a past Board member of Three Rivers Adoption Council. He served as Board Member Emeritus from 2003 until his death in 2005. Mr. Gordon dedicated his life to the betterment of people throughout the world. He was committed to assisting in the *“remarkable ingenuity of people bent on survival and the unwavering work of social workers who often perform monumental tasks under deteriorating conditions.”* Three Rivers Adoption Council was indeed blessed to have been on the “receiving end” of that passion during Mr. Gordon’s lifetime.

Three **Raymond Gordon Memorial Scholarships** are available:

One (1) \$1,250 award

One (1) \$ 750 award

One (1) \$ 500 award

Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a scholarship, applicants must:

- 1) Have been adopted or in foster care and are residing in Western Pennsylvania. Alternate forms of permanency are also accepted (for example, long term foster care, kinship, legal Custodial/guardianship, independent living);
- 2) Be a graduating high school senior who has been accepted to an institution for higher education or who is currently enrolled in a post high school educational program; and
- 3) Have a GPA of 2.0 or above

Application Process

Applicants must:

- 1) Complete an application form; find an application form on Three Rivers Adoption Council’s website: www.3riversadopt.org
- 2) Write a 500-word essay on “How your life will have an impact on the world”
- 3) Provide (2) letters of reference (one must be from a high school teacher, professor, guidance counselor, or advisor) and be on institution letterhead
- 4) Provide Letter of Acceptance for an institution for higher education or who is currently enrolled in a post high school educational program
- 5) Please provide photo to be printed in TRAC’s newsletter, if applicant is selected
- 6) Submit completed application by Wednesday, **May 19, 2017**. Awardees will be notified on or before **May 26, 2017**. Scholarships will be awarded on **June 16, 2017** at Three Rivers Adoption Council’s Annual Meeting..