



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 about the impact your family has had on your life and how you will use your experience in the child welfare system to make a positive impact on the lives of others. **(500 words or less)**
- 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) Please provide photo to be printed in TRAC’s newsletter, if applicant is selected
- 5) Submit completed application by Wednesday, **May 20, 2018**. Awardees will be notified on or before **May 27, 2018**. Scholarships will be awarded on **June 17, 2018**