



Randolph County Republican Party *Ronald Reagan Memorial Scholarship*

Scholarship Committee

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Dear Parents,

In an effort to encourage youth to emulate the dynamic impact Ronald Reagan had on America, we would like to introduce the *Reagan Memorial Scholarship*. The purpose of this award is to provide *Gift Initiatives to Promote Pupils to Emulate Reagan* and to honor *“The Gipper”* for the ideals he displayed during his lifetime.

Ronald Reagan embodied the American spirit of independence by promoting individual liberty and strength of character in our society. His conservative beliefs were the foundation of his legacy as the greatest American president of the 20th century. The *Reagan Memorial Scholarship* seeks to recognize students who emulate Ronald Reagan's philosophy, principles, dedication and hard work in their community.

It is our hope that your son or daughter will feel inspired to work in his or her community by emulating the goals and values set forth by our former president. The *Reagan Memorial Scholarship* is awarded to recognize these efforts to make our communities stronger through serving others.

Information about the requirements and process to apply for the *Reagan Memorial Scholarship* are attached. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Randolph County Republican Party
Ronald Reagan Memorial Scholarship Committee

“Whatever else history may say about me when I’m gone, I hope it will record that I appealed to your best hopes, not your worst fears; to your confidence rather than your doubts. My dream is that you will travel the road ahead with liberty’s lamp guiding your steps and opportunity’s arm steadyng your way.”

Ronald Reagan, Republican National Convention, 8/17/92

The Ronald Reagan Memorial Scholarship Sponsored by the Randolph County Republican Party

“My fondest hope is that Americans will travel the road extending forward from the arch of experience, never forgetting our heroic origins, never failing to seek divine guidance as we march bold, bravely into a future limited only by our capacity to dream.”

Purpose: To encourage our youth to emulate the dynamic impact Ronald Reagan had on America, and to promote understanding of how he brought our nation out of despair by firmly maintaining traditional American values. In an effort to honor how Ronald Reagan embodied the America spirit of independence by promoting individual liberty and strength of character in our community, we hereby establish the Ronald Reagan Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship will recognize students who best emulate Ronald Reagan's philosophy and principles. This scholarship is designated to honor youths who will attend college or a vocational training school in the fall and who demonstrate evidence of pursuing and using those ideals to make a positive difference in their community.

Intent: To support students who become activists in their community.

Eligibility: All graduating high school seniors who reside in Randolph County.

Selection Standards: Students may be self-nominated or nominated by a teacher, religious counselor or community leader. Candidates will be selected by a process that consists of an application review by an awards committee. A majority vote of the committee will determine the recipient(s).

Application Process:

- Applicant must be a graduating senior who resides in Randolph County.
- Applicant must submit an essay explaining how activism has benefited our society in the past and how activism will benefit today's society and tomorrow's society as well. (500 word minimum)
- Applicant must show evidence of service to their community that has had a positive impact on the community or has impacted the lives of others within the community.
- Applicant must give permission for submitted essay to be published or distributed at the discretion of the review committee.
- Essay must be reflective of the applicant's ideas. Any concepts or language not of the applicant must be cited appropriately. Any plagiarism will disqualify the applicant.

Application Deadline: Applications deadline is **Friday, March 20, 2026.**

Notification: Notification will occur on or before **Wednesday, April 15, 2026.**

Award: Two (2) \$500 scholarships will be awarded by the Randolph County GOP

Mail completed application and essay to: **Ronald Reagan Memorial Scholarship
c/o Dawn Turner
104 Korando Lane
Chester, IL 62233.**

Ronald Reagan Memorial Scholarship

2026 Registration Form

Please type or print clearly in blue or black ink.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Name of Father: _____

Name of Mother: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail: _____ @ _____

Please check: _____ Male _____ Female

Check all that apply:

_____ Applying to College

_____ Applying to Trade School

_____ Other

High School You Attend: _____

Topic: Please attach an essay explaining how activism has benefited our society in the past and how activism will benefit today's society and tomorrow's society as well (500 word minimum).

Community Service: Please attach evidence of service you have given to your community that has had a positive impact or has impacted the lives of others within the community.