

ROPE* Award Guidelines

(effective June 2019)

*It is very important that you **AND** your parents read this information carefully in order to fully understand your responsibilities in applying for the ROPE Award.*

In order to be eligible to apply for a ROPE Award YOU MUST . . .

- **Meet UNC Admissions Requirements**
- **Maintain a 3.0 weighted Grade Point Average (GPA)**
- **Meet SAT/ACT Requirements**
- **Complete 100 Service Learning Hours**
- **Maintain Good Character in School and Community**
- **Meet the minimum McNair Program participation requirements**
- **Submit completed application and supplemental documentation by the deadline**
- **Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**

UNC Admissions Requirements – must have taken, or be enrolled in courses that qualify you to meet the UNC System Admission requirements. This does not mean that you must apply to or attend a UNC System school.

3.0 GPA – must have a 3.0 weighted GPA at the end of first semester senior year. Must maintain that GPA through graduation.

SAT or ACT Requirements – 1010 on SAT Reading/Math **OR** 19 on ACT **OR** take the SAT and/or ACT at least two times by application deadline. FREE access to SAT/ACT preparation is available to all students

100 Service Learning Hours – must complete a minimum of 100 service learning hours by the application deadline. These hours must be documented and verified through the online system called Pathways. Hours are cumulative from summer prior to ninth grade year through ROPE application deadline of senior year.

Maintain good character – Maintain good character in the school and community. Any infraction of the character requirements after awarding of the ROPE scholarship and prior to school's end may result in withdrawal of all benefits and title attached to this award.

McNair Program Requirements – applicants must participate in the McNair Mentor Program for a minimum of 2 years or participate in a minimum of 2 other Foundation programs following enrollment at RCS high schools.

Submit Application - complete and submit the ROPE application and all required supplemental documentation by the application deadline. No late submissions will be accepted.

Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – Does not have to be completed before the application is submitted but must be completed by May 31st. McNair Educational Foundation financial aid specialists are available to provide free assistance in completing the FAFSA.

Meeting the above requirements makes a student eligible to apply for the ROPE Award - it does not guarantee the student will receive the ROPE Award. The Teacher Advisory Council, which consists of 7 teachers from the high school and middle school, will select students for the ROPE Award. The Foundation Board of Trustees will have final approval of all ROPE Recipients. All decisions of the committee and the Board are final. There is no appeals process and all discussions of the committee are confidential.

Please see the **McNair Office** staff should you have any questions about the ROPE application process, the FAFSA requirement, or the service learning hours requirement.