

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for the Rogers Scholars program?

To obtain an application, visit www.centertech.com and click on the Rogers Scholars link. At the bottom of the page you will see a “Forms” button. Click on the “Forms” button and you will find the application in an Adobe PDF form. You can type directly on the application and once completed click the “print form” button. If you do not have Adobe you can download it free. Just click on the Adobe Icon on our website. Once you have completed and printed your application, essay and have collected your reference letters, mail to:

The Center for Rural Development
The Rogers Scholars Program
2292 South Highway 27
Suite 300
Somerset, KY 42501

When are applications due?

All applications must be postmarked no later than January 31st. Any applications postmarked or sent by alternate means after this deadline will not be accepted or considered.

Must Scholars have medical insurance to participate?

Students are not required to have medical insurance. When accepted students will be mailed forms to complete, one form specifically addresses medical insurance. If a student does not have insurance they will just return the form stating that they do not have coverage at this time.

How are students selected to attend the Rogers Scholars Program?

To be eligible to apply for the Rogers Scholars program, you must:

- Be a current sophomore at a high school located within the 42-county service area of The Center for Rural Development. The forty-two county service area consists of the following Kentucky counties: Adair, Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, 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).

How many students are selected to participate each year?

A total of 60 students from Southern and Eastern Kentucky will be selected for the program. A selection committee consisting of staff of The Center for Rural Development will be established. In order to ensure fairness, applications will be numbered 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 42 selections are made, the highest 18 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.

When will students be notified of the Rogers Scholars selection?

The Rogers Scholars Program will notify each student of their selection status that applied. All students will receive correspondence in the mail. Status will be mailed out from our office no later than April 10th. The top 60 students selected will have until May 1st to accept their position as a Rogers Scholars. If someone declines, we will contact the next top alternate on the list.

May Rogers Scholars select which week they attend?

If a student applying for Rogers Scholars has a preference on which week he or she would like to attend, we must be made aware of this when applying. Please let us know why you are requesting a specific week. We cannot guarantee which week students will be assigned but understand that you may be committed to other camps or summer programs and will try to accommodate as much as possible.

Who should write the letters of recommendations when applying?

Three letters of recommendations need to be submitted with the Rogers Scholars application. Two of the letters must be written by individuals who are employed by the school system you attend and one letter must be written by someone from your community who is not employed by the school system. Family members or relatives may not write letters or recommendation. Letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application. Only three letters should be submitted, any additional letters will not be considered. If more than three letters are submitted, the selection committee will only review the first three letters. Please see the Letter of Recommendations Suggested Guidelines on our website.

May Scholars request a roommate?

Students will be assigned a roommate. Students will find out who they will be rooming with on check in day.