

# Red Pine Scholars Program 2021-22

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## *TPI Scholarship Site*

### *Instructions*

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Read these instructions **carefully** before filling out your application. Applicants' ability to follow instruction will weigh into award decisions.

- To preview the application, click on the **Question List** button in the upper right-hand corner. *You should do this before you begin the application so you are prepared for the questions.*
- You can save your application and return to it later by clicking "save" and logging out. Your application will be marked *Draft* and you may return to it at any time by logging back into your applicant profile.
- Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) are required. You will not be able to submit your application until all required questions are answered.
- All attachments **must** be submitted in **.pdf, .doc, or .docx** format.
- All application materials can be found on TPI's website here. There you will also find a checklist to help you keep track of what you need to do to complete your application.
- **To complete the required form**, download the document to your computer and save it to your desktop. Then fill out the form and save the completed form to your computer before uploading it to the application.
- **Important:** be sure to review your application before clicking "submit" to make sure all attachments have been uploaded correctly and your answers are clear. To do this, click on the "Application Packet" button in the top right-hand corner of the page. This will allow you to view your complete application in the form the reviewers will see it. ***Applications that have unreadable attachments or don't load correctly will not be considered. It is very important that you look over your application to make sure everything has been properly submitted.***
- If a form does not successfully save your answers, you can print it out, fill out the answers by hand, and upload a scanned copy to your application.
- Once you submit your application, you will receive an email confirming that we have received it.

**If you have any questions or need help uploading forms to your application, please contact Mahalia Banton at [RedPine@tpi.org](mailto:RedPine@tpi.org) or 617-338-5881.**

## 1. Personal Information

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### Applicant Name\*

*Character Limit: 100*

### To which gender identity do you most identify?\*

#### Choices

- Female
- Male
- Trans\*
- Transgender Female
- Transgender Male
- Gender Variant/Non-Conforming
- Prefer not to answer

### Date of Birth\*

*Example: xx/xx/xxxx*

*Character Limit: 10*

### Legal Status\*

#### Choices

- U.S. Citizen
- Permanent Resident Alien
- Other

### Were you born in the U.S.?\*

#### Choices

- Yes
- No

### If not, where were you born?

*Character Limit: 50*

### How long have you lived in the U.S.?\*

*number of years*

*Character Limit: 2*

### Is English your first language?\*

#### Choices

- Yes
- No

## If not, what is your first language?

*Character Limit: 50*

### Ethnicity\*

#### Choices

American Indian / Alaska Native  
Asian  
Black / African American  
Hispanic / Latino  
Multi-Racial  
Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander  
White  
Other  
Prefer not to identify

## How did you hear about the Red Pine Scholarship?\*

#### Choices

College contact  
High School or Guidance Counselor  
Mentor  
Online  
Friend  
Other

## 2. Family/Household Information

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### Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)\*

Line #85 on the Student's FAFSA SAR.

*If you do not have access to this figure in your FAFSA SAR, you can find it on line 7 of your 1040 tax form. If your family uses another version of the 1040 form, you can figure out how to find your AGI here: <https://turbotax.intuit.com/tax-tips/irs-tax-return/how-to-find-your-adjusted-gross-income-agi-to-e-file-your-tax-return/L2BNspAbm>*

*Character Limit: 20*

### Expected Family Contribution (EFC)\*

Found on the first page of the FAFSA SAR.

*Character Limit: 20*

### Who do you live with?\*

Name, Relation to you, Age, Occupation (Job, school, Other). For example: Jane Smith, mother, 52, Accountant

*Character Limit: 1000*

**Does your family own or rent your home?\*****Choices**

Own  
Rent

**If your family owns, what is the value of your home?**

*Character Limit: 20*

**Parent/Guardian Contribution**

If you live in a **single parent/guardian household**, will your other parent/guardian be contributing toward the cost of your college education?

Please briefly explain.

*Character Limit: 1000*

**Are you among the first generation in your immediate family to attend college?\*****Choices**

Yes  
No

**Siblings Currently in College?\***

Do you have any siblings currently in college?

**Choices**

Yes  
No  
N/A

**College(s) Currently Attended by your Sibling(s)**

If yes, please list the college(s) that your sibling(s) currently attend.

*Character Limit: 1000*

**Do you have any siblings that have completed college?\*****Choices**

Yes  
No  
N/A

**College(s) and Degree(s) of your Sibling(s)**

If yes, please list the school(s) from which your siblings have graduated and the degree(s) that they obtained.

*Character Limit: 1000*

**What is your first parent's highest level of education?\*****Choices**

Middle School  
High School  
Some college  
College (two-year)  
College (four-year)  
Graduate School  
do not know

### What is your second parent's highest level of education?\*

#### Choices

Middle School  
High School  
Some college  
College (two-year)  
College (four-year)  
Graduate School  
do not know

## 3. High School Information

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### High School - Name\*

*Character Limit: 100*

### High School - Location\*

*City, State*

*Character Limit: 50*

### School Profile

If possible, please upload a copy of your School Profile. Your school counselor will likely have access to this. This document provides us detail on how many honors and AP classes your high school offers as well as the portion of your school's graduates that go on to four-year colleges.

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### High School - Graduation Date\*

*Month/Year (Example: xx/xxxx)*

*Character Limit: 7*

### High School GPA - Unweighted\*

Please enter GPA as "X.XX". Example: 3.86

*If your school only provides a weighted GPA, please write "NA."*

*Character Limit: 5*

### High School GPA - Weighted

Please enter GPA as "X.XX". Example: 3.86

If your school only provides an unweighted GPA, please write "NA."

Character Limit: 5

## 4. College Choice(s)

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Please list, in order of preference, the colleges you hope to attend in the fall of 2020.

### First Choice College – Name\*

Character Limit: 250

### First Choice College – Location\*

City, State

Character Limit: 100

### First Choice College - Application Status\*

Have you been accepted to your First Choice College?

#### Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

### Second Choice College – Name

Character Limit: 100

### Second College Choice - Location

City, State

Character Limit: 100

### Second Choice College - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Second Choice College?

#### Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

### Third Choice College – Name

Character Limit: 250

### Third Choice College – Location

City, State

*Character Limit: 100*

### Third Choice College - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Third Choice College?

#### Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

### Fourth Choice College – Name

*Character Limit: 250*

### Fourth Choice College – Location

*City, State*

*Character Limit: 100*

### Fourth Choice College - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Fourth Choice College?

#### Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

## 5. Other Scholarships

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### Have you received any scholarships for college so far?

If so, please list the scholarship name, amount, and whether it's renewable each year of college.

*Character Limit: 1500*

### Have you applied for any scholarships for college that you have not received a decision on yet?

If so, please list the scholarship name, potential award amount, and when you expect to receive an award decision.

*Character Limit: 1500*

## 6. Extracurricular and Community Activities

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Please fill out the following information about your extracurricular, community/volunteer, and work experiences in high school.

A **sample** entry could look like this:

*Work: Sunshine Camp; summer camp counselor; June 25, 2017 August 31, 2017; 30 hours per week for 8 weeks; \$2,000.*

*Activities, Awards & Honors: Memorial High School Marching Band; trumpet player; grades 10, 11, 12; 4 hours per week for 3 months.*

*Community/Volunteer: Brookside Elementary School; first grade reading tutor; grades 11 & 12; 6 hours per week after school for 4 months.*

If you don't have anything to list in a particular section please write N/A.

### **Do you currently work?\***

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

### **If yes, who is your employer?**

*Character Limit: 100*

### **If yes, how many hours per week?**

*Character Limit: 10*

### **Work Experience\***

Describe your work experience during the past four years (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week. List amounts earned at each job.

*Character Limit: 5000*

### **Activities, Awards & Honors\***

List all activities in which you have participated during high school (e.g., student government, clubs, associations, sports, etc.). Please list the most recent first. Note all special awards, honors and offices held.

*Character Limit: 5000*

### **Community Service/Volunteer Activities\***

List all community activities in which you have participated without pay in the past four years including name of organization, dates of participation and specific activities. Please only list recurring activities (not one-off activities).

*Character Limit: 5000*

### **Resume (not required)**

In addition to filling out your work experience in the Extracurricular and Community Activities information above, you are welcome to include a copy of your resume, if you feel it provides a better representation of your work experience.



**Please note: If you submit your resume, you are still required to fill out the Extracurricular and Community Activities section.**

*File Size Limit: 1 MB*

## 7. Essays

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### **What is your anticipated college major?\***

*You may list up to five possible majors.*

*Character Limit: 150*

### **Why are you interested in this major?\***

Provide a short description of why you're interested in this major(s).

*Character Limit: 500*

### **What is your anticipated post-college career path?\***

*If not sure, please write "not sure," or list multiple possible career paths.*

*Character Limit: 250*

### **Long Essay\***

The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, how did you address it (or are currently addressing it) and what did you learn from the experience? (4500 characters or less)

*Character Limit: 4500*

### **Short Essay #1\***

Why is attending college meaningful to you; what do you hope to get out of the college experience? (2500 characters or less)

*Character Limit: 2500*

### **Short Essay #2\***

In 1000 characters or less, please explain what family and financial circumstances make it difficult for you to pay for and/or attend college.

*Character Limit: 1000*

### **Is there anything else you'd like the review committee to know about you?**

An optional section: if there is anything about you that hasn't been covered in this application you feel would make you a strong candidate for this scholarship (academic, extracurricular, life circumstance, accomplishments, etc) please share this here.

*Character Limit: 5000*

## 10. Required Attachments

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Please attach the following required documents.

### High School Transcript\*

Please attach your current complete *most recent* high school transcript that includes your 12th grade GPA. Be sure to include your high school's grading scale.

*If your school does not provide students with transcripts, please upload a word document explaining that your school will be emailing it directly to Red Pine at [redpine@tpi.org](mailto:redpine@tpi.org).*

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

### IRS Form 1040\*

Please attach a copy of *pages 1 and 2* of your parent(s)/guardian(s)' most recent **IRS Form 1040** in pdf or jpeg form.

Did you or your parent/guardian file taxes in 2019?

If yes, attach a copy of pages 1 & 2 of your 2019 Tax Return (1040A Form).

If no, attach a copy of your 2019 W-2 Form or most recent paystubs. You may remove any sensitive personal information from these documents before uploading (such as social security # or birthday)

If you receive government assistance and did not file taxes in 2019, you can attach a copy of your verification letter for any of the following:

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Unemployment Insurance
- TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for women, infants, children)
- Documentation of cash aid or food stamps (SNAP)

*File Size Limit: 4 MB*

### FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)\*

Please attach a copy of your **FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)** in .pdf format. *You can obtain a copy by going to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and printing/saving your entire SAR (it should be five pages long).*

*NOTE: If your financial or citizenship status prevents you from submitting the FAFSA SAR report, you can still fill out the online form and save it as a pdf without submitting it. You can upload this pdf version [here](#).*

*File Size Limit: 4 MB*

## 11. Certification

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The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI) has sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria as set forth in the program's guidelines. Once submitted, this application becomes property of TPI and the donor.

Once your application is submitted, you may view your application at any time by returning to your online account, but you cannot make any changes to it.

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*I acknowledge all decisions are made by TPI. I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and the information provided is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information. Falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted. I give my consent for representatives from TPI to discuss my eligibility and need for scholarship assistance with financial aid counselors at my colleges of choice as well as with the donor. I also agree that TPI may provide a copy of my full application to the donor.*

### Applicant's Electronic Signature\*

*Please type your full name.*

*Character Limit: 50*

### Today's Date\*

*Character Limit: 10*

### Parent's or Guardian's Electronic Signature

*If the applicant is under age 18, please enter your full name.*

*Character Limit: 50*

### Today's Date

*Character Limit: 10*

Once your application is submitted, you may view your application at any time by returning to your online account. However, you will not be able to make any changes.

## 8. Teacher/Counselor Recommendation

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### Reference Email Address\*

Please **enter the email address of your reference below** and click "Compose Email" to send them a personal email asking them to be a reference. *Do not put your own email address here.* They will receive an automated second email from this system that will include a link for them to click on and answer questions. Below is generic text you may copy and paste into your email.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You are responsible for ensuring that your recommender receives this link, and to provide your recommender with enough time (at least 2 weeks before scholarship deadline) to complete this recommendation.

#### SAMPLE LANGUAGE

*Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for me for the Red Pine Scholarship Program. You'll receive another email from "administrator@grantinterface.com" that will include a link. This link will direct you to the recommendation form and will provide instructions on how to upload your recommendation to my application. The application due date is **February 15, 2021 by 5:00 PM.***

*Character Limit: 254*

### Attach Letter and Fill out Form\*

Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for an applicant to the Red Pine Scholarship Program.

The recommendation is twofold:

1. Please answer the required questions below.
2. Please write a letter of recommendation and upload it using the link below. As part of your letter, please answer the following questions:
  - Please describe the student's ability and motivation to succeed in college and become a successful, caring adult who will make a meaningful contribution to society.
  - What are your impressions of the applicant as a person? How is he or she viewed by peers and/or teachers? How does the applicant interact with others? Please describe any special personal strengths or problems which we should be aware of. We are especially interested in your thoughts regarding citizenship, leadership, and general promise.

Please note the applicant will not be able to read the recommendation.

**\*\*Deadline for feedback is 02/15/2021\***

*File Size Limit: 1 MB*

### School Profile\*

This document provides us detail on how many honors and AP classes your high school offers as well as the portion of your school's graduates that go on to four-year colleges.

*File Size Limit: 5 MB*

### **Name of Recommender (you):\***

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Recommender's Position:\***

*Character Limit: 100*

### **How long have you known the applicant?\***

*Character Limit: 150*

### **In what capacity do you know the applicant?\***

*Character Limit: 250*

### **Class Rank**

Please list the recommended student's class rank as "rank number" out of "total class size."

Format example: **10/230**

*Character Limit: 8*

## *9. General Recommendation*

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### **Reference Email Address\***

Please **enter the email address of your reference below**, and click "Compose Email" to send them a personal email asking them to be a reference. *Do not put your own email address here*. Your recommender will receive an automated second email from this system that will include a link for them to click on and answer questions. Below are generic instructions for you to copy and paste into your email if you'd like to use them.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You are responsible for ensuring that your recommender receives this link in enough time (at least 2 weeks before scholarship deadline) to complete this recommendation.

#### **SAMPLE LANGUAGE**

*Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for me for the Red Pine Scholarship Program. You'll receive another email from administrator@grantinterface.com which will include a link. This link will provide instructions on how to upload your recommendation to my application. The application due date is **February 14, 2020 by 5:00 PM.***

*Character Limit: 254*

### **Attach Recommendation Letter\***

Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for an applicant to the Red Pine Scholarship Program. Please include your name and position & student relation below, write a letter of recommendation, and upload it using the link below. As part of your letter, please answer the following questions:

- Please describe the student’s ability and motivation to succeed in college and become a successful, caring adult who will make a meaningful contribution to society.
- What are your impressions of the applicant as a person? How is he or she viewed by peers and/or other adults? How does the applicant interact with others? Please describe any special personal strengths or problems which we should be aware. We are especially interested in your thoughts regarding citizenship, leadership, and general promise.

Please note the applicant will not be able to read the recommendation.

**\*\*Deadline for feedback is 02/15/2021\***

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

 **Full Recommender Name\***

*Character Limit: 100*

 **Recommender Occupation:\***

*Character Limit: 150*

 **How long have you known the applicant?\***

*Character Limit: 150*

 **In what capacity do you know the applicant?\***

*Character Limit: 250*

 **Why/how would this student, in particular, benefit from the Red Pine Scholarship?\***

*Character Limit: 250*

SAMPLE