**RCSF Eligibility Criteria: 2022 - 2023**

**General**

Any full-time Rochest er City School Districtl student in grades 09 – 11 shall be eligible to apply for monetary incentives if he/she meets the eligibility criteria established by the Board. Applications are available in school guidance offices, on our web site-www.rcsf.info, and must be returned to the RCSF office. Only completed applications will be reviewed for acceptance into the program.

**Scholarship**

Students are accepted into the program based upon their last two (2) marking period grades and must meet the minimum grade point average of 3.25, no failing grades of F, exhibit good character, and demonstrate financial need. Because the amount of money available for incentives is limited, the selection process is highly competitive.

Once enrolled in the program, the higher a student’s GPA, the more money he/she will earn each marking period. The determination made by the Board of Directors at its yearly budget session as to the affordability of awards for the coming year, The range for this school year is as follows:

* + 4.00-4.50 $ 150/marking period
	+ 3.50-3.99 $ 112/marking period
	+ 3.25-3.49 $ 75/marking period

If RCSF is unable to award scholarships to all applicants, a Board subcommittee will examine the students’ report cards and assign additional weight to more challenging courses such as Honors, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate. Those students with the highest weighted GPA will be given priority for incentives.

Students will remain in good standing unless they fall below a 3.25 GPA or receive an F in a subject. In either case, students will be placed on probation for one marking period. Should they fall below a 3.25 or receive an F a second time in one school year, they will be dropped from the program for the remainder of that school year. Students who are dropped from the program will be advised of the process for appeal; however, an appeal to the Board does not guarantee reinstatement. Students may reapply for the program the next academic year.

**Financial Need**

Financial need is determined by one of the following criteria:

1. The student or his/her family receives Social Service assistance.
2. The family’s income is based upon the most recent IRS Income Tax Form listing the student as a dependent.
3. Family receives Social Security benefits.

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| Family Members | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Income | $31,284 | $39,481 | $47, 838 | $55,715 | $63,992 | $72,189 | $80,348 | $88,525 |

The Board may consider other indications of need. Financial eligibility must be reviewed annually. All financial information is due to the RCSF office at the time of application and must be presented by September 1st for the next school year. Students will be dropped from the program if the family’s income exceeds the criteria stated above.

**Character**

Student character will be evaluated based on attendance, punctuality, behavior, and participation. Students may be dropped from the program if character eligibility criteria are not met.

**RCSF reserves the right to terminate this program due to lack of funds and/or other resources.**

**Please contact the office at 585-262-8783 with questions.**