



**GREAT LAKES MIDWEST REGION V
HONORABLE THOMAS A. WALTON
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

BACKGROUND: This scholarship is named after the Honorable Thomas A. Walton, a Past Regional Council President and Chair of the National Delegates Assembly who passed in 2014. This scholarship was created by the Regional Council to show our respect to the Honorable Thomas A. Walton and support minority students in the Great Lakes Midwest Region.

PURPOSE: To provide financial assistance to a current high school senior who plans to attend an accredited college or university full or part-time.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION:

1. The application “must” be typed.
2. Each item of information on the application “must” be addressed.
3. The following additional documents “must” be attached to the completed application package:
 - a. Three (3) character reference letters. Each letter must be included with a business letter head. Only one letter from a family member will be accepted.
 - b. A most recent official transcript with an unweighted grade point average of at least a 3.0 GPA based on a 4.0 GPA scale.
 - c. Biographical statement (limit to one page) including the following listed in order of importance: professional goals, community service, work experience, awards and recognition, professional organizations, hobbies, and other pertinent information.
(All information will be kept confidential.)
 - d. 500 word essay on: How is Society Adjusting to Life after COVID-19?

e. Each applicant “must” submit all requested documents in order to be considered.

4. **Email package to: scholarships@bigrv.org**

5. **Application must be received by CLOSE OF BUSINESS: March 31, 2023, 11:59 p.m., Eastern standard time.**

6. **SELECTION OF WINNERS:** The Region V Council BIG Scholarship Committee will determine eligibility, process applications, and identify scholarship winner. Notification to winner will occur by April 30, 2023.

7. **INSTRUCTIONS AND CRITERIA TO RECEIVE AWARD:**

a. The scholarship award of \$1000 will be made payable to the college university as a credit to the student’s account for payment of tuition and/or books to assist in obtaining the desired degree.

b. At the completion of the recipient’s first semester during the scholarship year, a transcript of the student’s grades must be sent electronically to: scholarships@bigrv.org. Award will not be paid out until this requirement is met.

8. Award recipient “must” have at least an overall cumulative 3.0 based on a 4.0 GPA scale.

9. Scholarship award “must” be used within 12 months from the date it is awarded.