



## River City Ball Scholarship Application

**Award:** \$1,000 Scholarship to two graduating Seniors in Smith County

**Due:** March 31, 2025

### **Essay Prompt:**

The River City Ball was created to support the ongoing efforts of local non-profits and organizations who serve to improve the quality of life in Smith County through tourism, preservation, community involvement, and commerce. Each year the River City Ball benefits a different local organization. To date, River City Ball has donated over \$100,000 to local causes. The 2025 benefiting cause is Smith County Rescue Squad.

Write an essay explaining why the purpose of the River City Ball is vital to the community and how this year's benefiting organization fits into that purpose. Include in your essay a scenario whereby if you had \$100,000, how you would use that money to improve Smith County and how you would select the recipients of those funds. Please include any thoughts about how River City Ball can equitably support causes to make a bigger impact in Smith County. Essay should be at least 2 pages (double spaced, 12 point font) and not contain any identifying information.

Please turn in essay to guidance office or emailed by March 31, 2025. Essays will be graded on an anonymous basis by the River City Ball Scholarship Committee. The scholarship will be presented at each school's Senior Award Ceremony.

Please feel free to contact the committee with any questions:

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