Bio-Rad Scholarship Program

Scholarship Program Instructions and Application Form
Scholarship Overview

The Bio-Rad Scholarship Program assists local graduating high school students who wish to pursue careers in science or engineering. The program provides financial assistance to deserving students so they can continue their pursuit of science and engineering in higher education. The program is available to students attending high school within the following counties: Solano County, Alameda County, and Contra Costa County.

Applications are evaluated based on students’ personal connection to science and engineering, as well as the originality, clarity, and persuasiveness of their answers to essay questions.

Three levels of scholarships are awarded:

**Bio-Rad Scholarship: $2,000**
20 Bio-Rad Scholarships are awarded each year.

**Ron Mardigian Scholarship: $3,000**
One Ron Mardigian Scholarship is awarded each year.

**David and Alice Schwartz Scholarship: $3,000**
One David and Alice Schwartz Scholarship is awarded each year.

One Ron Mardigian Scholarship and one David and Alice Schwartz Scholarship is awarded each year by Bio-Rad’s scholarship review panel to two especially deserving students. The first of these scholarships was created in the memory of the late Ron Mardigian, who spearheaded Bio-Rad’s educational program in the 1990s, while the second was created to honor David and Alice Schwartz, who founded Bio-Rad in 1952 to accelerate the scientific research process.
Eligibility Requirements
To be eligible for a scholarship, the applicant must:

• Be a graduating, college-bound senior from a high school within the following counties: Solano County, Alameda County, and Contra Costa County.
• Have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher
• Have already been accepted to a 2- or 4-year college at the time scholarships are awarded.

How to Apply
To apply, complete the Scholarship Application Form on the following page and return it to Bio-Rad (address on the form).

Submissions must be postmarked by March 15. Please include one copy of each of the following with your application:

☐ The Scholarship Application Form
☐ A sealed copy of your most recent school transcript
☐ Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, school counselor, or community leader
☐ An essay answering one of the questions. The essay must be at least 400 words, typed, double-spaced and single sided, on 8.5 x 11" paper in a standard font. Please identify which question you are answering. Please do not use staples.

Essay Questions
Select and answer ONE of the following questions:

• How is science or engineering making life better for people across the globe right now? Cite specific examples.
• What do you think the next big scientific or engineering advancement will be, and how will it affect society globally? Please be as specific as possible.
• Who are your heroes in science or engineering? Please describe their contributions and explain their importance.

Scholarship Awards Ceremony
The Scholarship Awards Ceremony is an exciting event held to give recognition to students who are selected as scholarship recipients for their exemplary achievements. Scholarship awards are made based on a combination of factors, demonstrated academic excellence, student life involvement, or social contributions.

Family and friends of the recipients are also invited to attend the ceremony to share in the celebration with their student. The ceremony is held at Bio-Rad Corporate Headquarters in Hercules, California.
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Please check boxes below:

☐ I have read the eligibility requirements and I meet the criteria.

☐ I have submitted one copy of all requested documents:
   1. The Scholarship Application Form
   2. My high school transcripts
   3. Two letters of recommendation
   4. My essay (remember to indentify the essay question)

☐ I understand that meeting the stated eligibility requirements does not guarantee that I will be selected to receive a scholarship.

By signing and submitting my application packet, I certify that the information I am providing is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Mail the Scholarship Application Form and all required documents to:
Bio-Rad Laboratories
Attention: Community Involvement
245 Linus Pauling Drive, Suite B
Hercules, CA 94547

Deadline is March 15

Those selected to receive a Bio-Rad Scholarship will be notified approximately 2 weeks prior to the event. A Scholarship Awards ceremony will be held in May.

Name ____________________________
Home address _______________________
City ______________________________
State ______________________________
Zip ________________________________
Phone (please include area code) __________
Email address ________________________

Full name of the high school you attend _______________________

If applicable, your school counselor (name and phone number):

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Universities and/or colleges to which you have applied:

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Career interests __________________________

Extracurricular activities __________________________

Please note any challenges or obstacles you face that may affect furthering your education (optional) __________________________

(Note: If you do not have enough room to answer any of these questions, feel free to continue your response on a separate sheet of paper.)

Bio-Rad Scholarships are not need-based, but financial need is considered in the evaluation.

How did you hear about the Bio-Rad Scholarship Program? __________________________

Your signature ___________________________________ Date ____________________

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