

Science and Engineering Scholarship

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Scholarship Program Instructions and Application Form

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Bio-Rad is a global life science research and clinical diagnostics company headquartered in Hercules, CA. More than 60 years after its founding, the company remains committed to its mission of advancing research and improving lives worldwide through innovative scientific products and services.

We recognize the importance of involvement in our local community, and support the scientific education of students who may become the scientists of tomorrow.

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

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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 by mail or online.

Apply by Mail

Submissions must be postmarked by **May 1**. 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.

Bio-Rad Laboratories
Attention: Community Involvement
245 Linus Pauling Drive, Suite B
Hercules, CA 94547

Apply Online

[You may also apply via our online application form](#) (requires Google login or free account to upload files)

Online submissions must be completed by **May 1**. Please complete and submit each of the following via our online application:

- The Scholarship Application Form (online form)
- A digital copy of your most recent school transcript
- Digital copies of two (2) letters of recommendation from a teacher, school counselor, or community leader
- A digital copy of an original essay answering one of the questions. The essay must be at least 400 words, typed, in a standard font, and in Word or PDF format.

Please identify which question you are answering.

Essay Questions

Select and answer **ONE** of the following questions:

1. How is science **or** engineering making life better for people across the globe right now?
Cite specific examples.
2. 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.
3. Who are your heroes in science **or** engineering?
Please describe their contributions and explain their importance.

Bio-Rad Scholarship Application

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
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Deadline is May 1

Those selected to receive a Bio-Rad Scholarship will be notified by June 1st, 2021

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 _____

Name _____

Home address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone (please include area code) _____

Email address _____

Full name of the high school you attend _____

Universities and/or colleges to which you have applied _____