



Application for the 2021 Ramp Less Traveled College Scholarship and Mentoring Program

Description and Details

Ramp Less Traveled is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting those with spinal cord injuries in the pursuit of higher education. We understand how dramatically lives change following injury, and how even the most mundane tasks can seem overwhelming in light of a new lifestyle. The idea of going or returning to college can seem distant and unmanageable. Several issues need to be addressed – from housing modification and administrative support to academic accommodations, equal access to social opportunities, and more. *We're here to help.* Ramp Less Traveled is committed to making the dream of attending college a reality by lowering the barriers to entry and easing the difficult transition from hospital floor to college dorm.

We offer a two-part solution:

- A \$2,500 **scholarship** to be used for educational or personal expenses at an American college or university. In some years, depending on funding availability, we are able to offer scholarships of higher value.
- A **mentoring relationship** that allows scholarship winners to partner with an experienced mentor from Ramp Less Traveled to facilitate a successful college transition. Your mentor will be an advocate throughout the entire process – outlining initial steps to take, recommending outside agencies to contact like vocational rehabilitation, and helping you work with college administrators.

*We accept applications on a rolling basis, but priority will be given to those received before **May 15th, 2021.***

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Have sustained a spinal cord injury that caused you to take a leave of absence from school.
- Possess a desire to attend college.
- Commit to working with a mentor from Ramp Less Traveled.

Personal Information

Full Name: (first) _____ (middle) _____ (last) _____

Permanent Address: (street address) _____

(city) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Level of Injury: _____

Please include in your completed application packet a letter from a physician confirming your diagnosis

Academic Information

What is your current academic status, or what was the last year of education you completed? Have you already been accepted by a college or would you like help applying?

Name of high school and college/university (if applicable): _____

School Address: (street address) _____

(city) _____ (state) _____ (zip) _____

Essays

Please type your responses to the following three essay questions and attach your responses to this packet.

1. Please list your extracurricular activities and employment history. Pick one activity and explain how you contributed to the organization and what you learned from your involvement. (200 words maximum for the essay, not the list)
2. Please list any honors or awards, academic or extracurricular, you have received.
3. Describe what a college education means to you, and how it would contribute to your current long-term plans for the future. (600 words maximum)

Application Review

A complete application packet should be mailed to Ramp Less Traveled, Inc., at 8080 Hollybrook Court, Indianapolis, IN, 46250. Your packet should contain the following elements:

- Completed application sheet (this form)
- Letter from a physician confirming your diagnosis
- Essays (typed please)

Applications will be reviewed by our selection committee.

Questions? Shoot us an email at ramplesstraveled@gmail.com

Thank you, and we look forward to reading your application!

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your signature certifies that all of the information contained in your application is accurate. Please note that all information you submit will be kept confidential.