



I. Purpose

The **Rackspace Scholarship for BDPA Students** is intended to provide financial assistance to an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in an accredited college/university pursuing a degree in Computer Science or an IT related discipline.

The objective of this scholarship is to support students who are committed to their academic studies and share our passion for the Rackspace core values.

II. Criteria/Eligibility

An applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student, rising sophomore or higher enrolled in an accredited college/university pursuing a degree in Computer Science or an IT related discipline.

The scholarship committee will review completed applications and awards will be made on the basis of the following criteria:

- Proven academic performance – minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Strong and consistent involvement/leadership in STEM related-organizations such as BDPA and NSBE or community involvement
- Interested in software development, cyber security, or data science/big data
- Experience with Linux and the open source community either through personal projects or past internships
- An interest in and availability to seek internships in Texas
- A passion for fanatical support

III. Award Description

The Rackspace Scholarship Committee will award up to two (2) \$1,000 one-time only scholarships for an undergraduate or graduate student, rising sophomore or higher enrolled in an accredited college/university pursuing a degree in Computer Science or an IT related discipline.

IV. Application Deadline

The completed application, typed essay, two letters of recommendation, and transcript must be received by the Rackspace Scholarship Committee, **no later than Friday, September 25, 2016, 5:00pm ET**. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to take the necessary action and precautions to insure that the completed application packet is received by the deadline.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION

1. The essay must be typed.
2. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college/university for Fall 2016.
3. Two letter of recommendation must be submitted in support of this application. The two people whom you ask to submit letters of recommendation should know you well personally and be able to comment on your qualifications for a Rackspace Scholarship.
4. Each applicant must submit an official academic transcript and resume.
5. This completed application, typed essay, two required letters of recommendation, an official academic transcript, and resume **must be received** by the Rackspace Scholarship Committee, **1 Fanatical Place, San Antonio, TX 78218, no later than Friday Septemb 25, 2016**. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to take the necessary action and precautions to insure that the completed applications together with the two required letters of recommendation are in fact received by the deadline.
6. In order for an application to be deemed complete, all application fields must be completed. No omissions are acceptable. For questions please contact **Manny Espinoza at Rackspace@betf.org**.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ✓ Application
- ✓ Essay
- ✓ Letters of Recommendations (2)
- ✓ Official Transcript
- ✓ Resume

Today's Date: _____

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RECEIVED DATE: _____

RECEIVED BY: _____

Rackspace Scholarship Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Cell Number: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Career Goal: _____

GPA: _____ Classification: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Major: _____

Minor: _____

Rackspace Core Values



The Rackspace Core Values. Created by Rackers and lived by Rackers.

**FANATICAL
SUPPORT**
IN ALL WE DO.

RESULTS FIRST
SUBSTANCE
OVER FLASH.

**TREAT
RACKERS LIKE
FRIENDS &
FAMILY**

PASSION
FOR OUR WORK.

**FULL
DISCLOSURE &
TRANSPARENCY.**

**COMMITTED
TO GREATNESS**



LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION:

Provide information about the civic, community, volunteer, and extra-curricular (such as organizations like BDPA/NSBE) activities in which you participated in the last year. Identify each activity, your participation, and the amount of time involved per week. (Please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper if needed)

AWARDS AND HONORS:

List scholarships, academic, civic, volunteer, and other awards and honors that you received: (Please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper if needed)

TECHNICAL SKILLS:

Rackspace has a strong commitment to the open source community. Please describe your commitment to Linux technologies and/or the open source community through a personal project, past internship, or some other personal involvement: (Please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper if needed)

CAREER DEVELOPMENT:

How will being a member Black Data Processing Associates have an impact your career development? : (Please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper if needed)

ESSAY: (Up to 500 words max)

Rackspace's vision is *to be recognized as one of the world's greatest SERVICE companies*. Type an essay on the subject of **an example of a time you received fanatical service and the impact it had on you**.
(Please attach essay to application)

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS ACCURATE AND TRUE.

SUBMIT TO:

Manny Espinoza
Director, Diversity & Inclusion
1 Fanatical Place
San Antonio, TX 78218