

**EARLY CHILDHOOD OFFICE  
OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Doreen Lopes, Early Childhood Coordinator

To: Guidance Counselors  
From: Doreen Lopes, Early Childhood Coordinator  
Re: Project GROW Scholarship  
Date: April 6, 2022

Dear Guidance Counselors,

Project GROW (Getting Ready for Our World) is the integrated preschool program that serves the Old Rochester Regional School District. The program offers a challenging and developmentally appropriate preschool experience to students with and without special needs. Since 1989, the Project GROW Parents' Group has raised money to award scholarships to graduating seniors to further their education. Two scholarships are awarded each year - one to a student with special needs and one to a student without special needs. Any graduating senior that attended Project GROW for preschool is eligible to apply. We expect that some former Project GROW students may be graduating from your high school this year.

Please review the enclosed information and advertise the scholarship opportunity to your graduating seniors. The applications are due to the guidance office by May 5, 2022. Please forward all applications to your guidance counselor or the address listed below.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,  
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3. How do you plan on paying for your educational expenses (i.e. loans, grants, college fund, work study, family contribution, etc.)?

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4. Briefly describe or list the extracurricular activities in which you were involved (i.e. clubs, sports, drama, band, etc.). Also include your interests or activities outside of school and any roles or responsibilities you may have had (i.e. church, community, employment).

5. What do you feel are the benefits of attending an integrated preschool program such as Project GROW? Please discuss this question with your parents/guardians and include their insights as to why they chose Project GROW and how they feel it made a difference throughout your education.

6. Please attach a copy of your transcript and two (2) letters of recommendation (one from a teacher or other school staff member, the other from someone outside of school and your family).

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Applicant's Signature

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Date