



The Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars Program for fall 2024

The Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars Program was created in 2010. This unique program offers full-tuition scholarships for full-time first-year students from public and charter schools within the Rochester City School District and the Urban- Suburban Interdistrict Transfer Program. Admitted students are eligible for full tuition covered through a combination of RIT scholarships, and state and federal need-based grants.

Students admitted to RIT as Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars are required to complete the Division of Diversity and Inclusion's Summer Experience. This is an exceptional opportunity to participate in a fully funded, residential summer program providing personalized one-on-one academic coaching, academic skills enhancement, a strong support network, and the opportunity to earn up to six RIT college credits.

Scholarship Program Requirements:

- > Students must live in the city of Rochester and attend an approved high school within the district, or Urban Suburban school, for the last three years of high school.
- > Students must graduate and **enroll full-time** at RIT in the fall semester after graduation.
- > Students should **apply for admission by January 15** to ensure full consideration. **The \$65 application fee is waived.** (Applications received after January 15 will be considered as long as space and funds remain available.)
- > The student's total annual family income (including taxed and untaxed income) must not exceed **\$75,000**.
- > Students must be accepted through RIT's regular admission standards and maintain full-time status at RIT. Upon acceptance of RIT's offer of admission, the **\$500 enrollment deposit will be waived**.
- > The high school counselor, or Urban Suburban Program Director must complete and return the Student Eligibility Certification form to the Undergraduate Admissions Office.

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Fall 2023 Destler/Johnson Rochester City Scholars

Name	School
Abigail Dennis	Young Women's College Prep
Jesse Whitcomb	Rochester Prep HS
Emilia Rowe	School of The Arts
Macca Abdi	Rochester Early College International HS
Emery Coleman	Rochester Prep HS
Amir Bounasri	Joseph C. Wilson Magnet HS
Jamisha Mcculley	Rochester Prep HS
Xavier Wiggins	World of Inquiry HS
Jeanelly Nunez Reyes	School of The Arts
Jaraelys Felix Marcial	Franklin Upper HS
Joel Maldonado	School of The Arts
Zanay Young	Young Women's College Prep
Zaniha Young	Young Women's College Prep
Si Mu	World of Inquiry HS
Philiasophia Wood	Urban Suburban-Brockport HS
Saniah Terry-Fulton	Joseph C. Wilson Magnet HS
J'Manuel Cortes	Rochester Prep HS
Bryan Ortiz	Edison Career and Technology HS
Jordan Beaty	World of Inquiry HS
Taylor Drummond	Urban Suburban-Wheatland Chili HS
Prosper Holmes	East Upper School
Jacen Mitchell	Urban Suburban-East Rochester HS
Giovanni Ramirez	Urban Suburban-Wheatland Chili HS
Nevaeh Gordon	Joseph C. Wilson Magnet HS
Breanna Majors-Brown	Rochester Early College International HS
Felicity Rivera	Joseph C. Wilson Magnet HS

J'Manuel Cortes said the Division of Diversity and Inclusion's Summer Experience has already given him a new crowd of friends. "We actually instantly clicked, and some of the connections you can tell are definitely going to be college-long or even lifelong."



J'Manuel Cortes '27
Photographic and Imaging Arts BFA (Advertising Photography Option)



Taylor Drummond '27
Marketing BS

Taylor Drummond said the Division of Diversity Summer Experience has given her a leg up for her first semester. She stayed on campus for a part of the summer to take a few classes. "It was a great experience, honestly," she said. "I was able to make really great friends and now I have six credits already going into college."

"The Rochester City Scholars Program was a life-changing opportunity for me as a first-generation college student with immigrant parents. Based on my experiences here, I am confident that the RIT community will support you academically, professionally, and in a variety of other ways that you have yet to discover. Regardless of what you want to do, RIT will provide you with the resources and tools you need to succeed!"



Karim Yapor '15
International and Global Studies/Psychology (double major)