



What is Career Online High School?

Career Online High School is an online high school diploma and career certification program available through the Rockford Public Library. This program offers scholarships to a limited number of qualified students.

Who can apply for a Career Online High School scholarship?

Rockford Public Library District residents (at least 21 years of age), who have completed 8th grade and have a Rockford Public Library card. Students accepted into the program will have fine forgiven.

How will people be selected for the program?

Eligible adults must successfully pass an online self-assessment and prerequisite course, as well as an inperson interview to be considered for enrollment in the program.

Will Career Online High School students receive their GED or other high school equivalency?

No. This is not a GED or other high school equivalency program. Successful graduates will earn a high school diploma and a career certification through an accredited online high school; there will also be a graduation ceremony.

What is the difference between high school equivalency (GED, HiSET, TASC) and a high school diploma?

While both high school equivalency and the high school diploma are important, there are several differences between them. Among the most significant is the fact that some colleges, institutions and organizations require a high school diploma and may not accept an equivalency. In addition to providing a high school diploma, Career Online High School gives students the benefit of earning a career certificate and completing additional job preparation documents and training.

What type of career certification will be offered?

Through Career Online High School, students may earn a certificate in the following areas:

- Childcare and Education
- Certified Protection Officer (Security Officer)
- Office Management
- Certified Transportation Services (Truck/Commercial Driver)
- Homeland Security
- General Career Preparations
- Retail Customer Service Skills
- Food Service and Customer Service Skills

Learn more about the career certificates at: <http://www.careeronlinehs.gale.com/rails/career-certificates/>



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How long will it take for students to complete the program?

Students will be given up to 18 months to complete the program, which will consist of 18 credits. Students accepted into the program may transfer up to 14 credits from their former high school. Depending on how many credits the student is able to transfer, the program can be completed in as few as five months.

Does the library offer other resources for education and job preparation?

The Rockford Public Library is committed to helping people meet their education and job preparation needs. Please visit our website www.Rockfordpubliclibrary.org for other resources.

What if I don't qualify for a scholarship?

There may be other options available to you. Please contact Leon Smith at Lsmith@rockfordpubliclibrary.org or 815-966-2723 for additional information.