

Relational Life Foundation – Practitioner Scholarship Rubric (Public Version)

The Relational Life Foundation evaluates scholarship applications using the rubric below. Each application is reviewed holistically across four categories that reflect our mission and values: Relational Readiness, Cultural & Lived Perspective, Commitment to Collective Repair, and Financial Accessibility & Readiness. Each category is scored on a 1–5 scale, with 5 representing the highest level of alignment. Applicants must achieve a minimum combined score of 14 out of 20 (70%) to qualify for award consideration. Applications scoring below the minimum are not eligible for award in that review cycle.

Category	1	2	3	4	5
Category 1: Relational Readiness Does the applicant demonstrate emotional maturity, self-awareness, and an ability to live the principles of empathy, accountability, and repair?	Emerging Limited reflection or awareness of personal growth.	Developing Mentions growth or self-insight but lacks depth.	Strong Shows reflection and curiosity; demonstrates relational learning.	Excellent Provides personal examples of repair or accountability.	Transformative Embodies empathy, humility, and self-accountability.
Category 2: Cultural & Lived Perspective How does the applicant’s identity, culture, or experience deepen and diversify relational healing?	Emerging No clear cultural or community perspective shared.	Developing Mentions identity or experience without depth.	Strong Connects lived experience to healing or service.	Excellent Reflects on how culture shapes empathy or repair.	Transformative Expands the field through authentic, underrepresented perspective.
Category 3: Commitment to Collective Repair Does the applicant show a credible and compelling plan to use RLT to create positive community or systemic impact?	Emerging Unclear or individual-focused goals.	Developing Desire to serve others but lacks specifics.	Strong Practical plan for integrating RLT into their work.	Excellent Clear focus on community or systemic change.	Transformative Visionary, actionable plan for advancing relational healing.
Category 4: Financial Accessibility & Readiness Does the applicant demonstrate genuine financial need and readiness to begin certification if supported?	Emerging Limited evidence of need or readiness.	Developing Mentions constraints but lacks clarity.	Strong Clear financial need and readiness to begin.	Excellent Contextualized barriers with confirmed readiness.	Transformative Critical need; scholarship directly enables participation.