



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### ROTARY CLUB OF MICHIGAN CITY FOUNDATION Scholarship in honor of J.M. Ruby, Robert Schwartz, and A. K. Smith

Two (2) high school seniors will be awarded \$3,000 each, payable directly to their post-secondary college account. The awards will be announced on or before May 1, 2026.

Applicants must live in the geographic area served by the Michigan City Area Schools.

Dependents of a member of Rotary Club of Michigan City are not eligible for this scholarship.

Application submission deadline: E-mailed to Bryant Dabney, Rotary Scholarship Committee Chair no later than March 31, 2026

[bdabney@harbourtrust.com](mailto:bdabney@harbourtrust.com) - In the subject line insert: **2026 ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents' names and addresses** (Should no parent be available, please list legal guardian)

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Applicant Instructions:

- 1) Attach your most recent high school transcript to this application for the purpose of verifying that you have at least a “C” average. Class rank **will not** be considered for this scholarship.
- 2) Attach separate pages with the written responses to **BOTH**, a., and b. below. Responses may be type-written or hand-written (legible). Responses must be your own – not written by someone else.
  - a. Please write a brief autobiography, in no more than two (2) pages, describing:
    - Your academic strengths and challenges in high school
    - Work experience paid or unpaid.
    - Principal interests and activities
    - A statement of intent describing your college plan and proposed field of study
    - Where you see yourself in 5-10 years, location, what will you be doing, and how will you be contributing to your community.
    - Note if you are applying to college as a ‘first-generation’ student (meaning your parents never attended college, not even one class or semester.)
  - b. The motto of Rotary Club is ‘Service Above Self.’ In one (1) page describe your service activities within the community, with family or others, and describe how your involvement may have impacted you, and touched and enriched the lives of others, especially those in need.
- 3) Student must sign below and e-mail this application with attachments to:  
Bryant Dabney – Rotary Scholarship Committee Chair  
[bdabney@harbourtrust.com](mailto:bdabney@harbourtrust.com) – In the subject line insert: **2026 ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP**

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(Student Applicant - Print Name)

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(Student Signature)

- 4) Two letters of recommendation are highly recommended. **Important** – Carefully choose a teacher, counselor, administrator, employer, or person in the community **who knows you and can relate one (1) personal story to differentiate you from others and demonstrate your ‘Service above Self.’**

Provide each person with a Rotary Recommendation Submission Form (see next page.)

Recommendation letters must be e-mailed no later than March 31, 2026, with the application, and e-mailed directly to Bryant Dabney, Rotary Scholarship Committee Chair

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**Questions? Contact Rotarian Bryant Dabney, MBA using e-mail [bdabney@harbourtrust.com](mailto:bdabney@harbourtrust.com).**

This Equal Opportunity Scholarship is offered by the Rotary Club of Michigan City Foundation, a not-for-profit 501c3 organization. No decision made in awarding this scholarship is based on race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, sex (including sexual harassment and pregnancy), or ancestry.

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**Rotary Scholarship**

**Recommendation Submission Form**

The student named below would appreciate a recommendation in support of his/her scholarship application. Please note, the best letters of recommendation are not checklists of what the student has accomplished; we are looking for a letter that includes your personal impressions and interactions with the student.

**Your recommendation should include one (1) specific anecdote that gives insight into qualities that differentiate this student from others and demonstrate ‘Service above Self.’**

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendation being submitted by:

Recommender’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach your recommendation letter to this form, and e-mail directly to the following address:

**Bryant Dabney – Rotary Scholarship Committee Chair**  
**[bdabney@harbourtrust.com](mailto:bdabney@harbourtrust.com): in the subject line insert: 2026 ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP**

**Form and letter must be e-mailed no later than March 31, 2026**