

# *Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc.*

## **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### **General Information:**

The Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club through the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc. (FWBRCSI) annually funds and awards scholarships to bright, local students helping to prepare them for productive, successful lives. FWBRCSI is responsible for all domestic scholarship activities of the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club and is a registered IRS Section 501(c)(3) organization.

Scholarship applicants need to complete a FWBRCSI scholarship application and return it to FWBRCSI with supporting documentation as specified. Applications are available from FWBRCSI at [www.fortwaltonrotary.org](http://www.fortwaltonrotary.org), from the Okaloosa County School District at [www.okaloosaschools.com](http://www.okaloosaschools.com), and from designated personnel at Choctawhatchee High School, Fort Walton Beach High School and Northwest Florida State College Collegiate High School. The completed package will be copied and provided to each member of the FWBRCSI Board of Directors for consideration. All applications remain active for a period of up to one year.

Eligible applicants are seniors at Choctawhatchee HS, Fort Walton Beach HS or a senior who is a resident of Fort Walton Beach attending Northwest Florida State College Collegiate HS. FWBRCSI will also consider applications from students who have previously graduated from one of the above high schools and currently attends or aspires to attend any accredited post-high school educational program or institution.

The scholarship selection process takes into consideration academic achievement, personal character, leadership, aptitude and documented financial need. Information in support of these criteria must be provided. Applicants must also provide **two letters of recommendation** from adults who are familiar with the applicant. High school personnel or other adults involved with youth activities are good choices. Applicants must be certificate-seeking (for nursing) or degree-seeking for all other fields of study. FWBRCSI will not award a scholarship in conjunction with a full scholarship award from any source.

Relatives of Fort Walton Beach Rotarians are not eligible for consideration. Relatives are defined as children, grandchildren, nephews or nieces of a Fort Walton Beach Rotarian.

Applicants who have not yet attended a college-level program must submit an official transcript of their high school academic work. Applicants who have attended a college-level program must submit an official transcript of academic work accomplished since high school graduation. Applicants must also submit a financial needs statement.

Scholarships awarded may be renewable if the student meets renewal requirements and funds are available. Such awards, however, are secondary to "initial-year" awards and may not be available. Satisfactory progress at post-secondary level is considered to be maintenance of a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale while matriculated as a degree-seeking student at the undergraduate level or a 3.0 GPA at the graduate level.

### **Scholarships:**

Three scholarship categories are offered annually. The number of scholarships awarded in each category is determined by the FWBRCSI Board of Directors. Scholarships in each category are awarded for one year in the amount of \$1,500 and may be renewable. Proceeds from the scholarship may be used to pay for tuition and/or books.

#### ***THE KAY STOKES MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP***

Kay Stokes Memorial Nursing Scholarships are awarded to qualified persons entering the field of nursing or related medical fields. "Qualified persons" is defined as individuals who intend to achieve and are admitted to a program which leads to the RN or LPN certificate, the RN or LPN certificate in conjunction with an AS or AA degree, the BSN degree, or a graduate degree which is directly associated with and supports the profession of nursing. Any such graduate program assistance requires that the recipient shall have earned the RN certificate.

Certificate-granting programs must be certified by the Florida State Board of Nursing (or equivalent state certifying body if other than Florida). Baccalaureate degree-granting programs must be accredited by the National League of Nursing (NLN) or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

The regional accrediting association within whose jurisdiction the degree-granting institution is located must accredit graduate programs. If sufficient nursing scholarship applications are not received, consideration will be given to related medical field applicants.

#### ***THE JOHN T. MORGAN III MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP***

The John T. Morgan III Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a student who has overcome great adversity in his/her life whether it is due to illness, handicap or other special need. The applicant must be a senior at one of the three applicable high schools and have a cumulative 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. The applicant must write and submit with the application an essay about their personal experience that qualifies them for this scholarship.

#### ***THE JAMES M. SUTTON SCHOLARSHIP***

James M. Sutton Scholarships are awarded each year to degree-seeking students. Applicants must be seniors at one of the three applicable high schools at the time of application. The field of study for James M. Sutton Scholarship recipients is unrestricted.

# ***Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc.***

## ***Application Agreement for Scholarship Assistance***

### **I UNDERSTAND THAT:**

1. This scholarship assistance is based on academic achievement, personal character, leadership, aptitude and financial need.
2. If I receive and accept a full scholarship from another source or an appointment to any tuition-free program, I will not be eligible to receive Rotary Club assistance. Full scholarship includes books, tuition fees and room and board.
3. If selected, I shall not receive this assistance until I have been admitted to an accredited school, program or training facility and have notified Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc. (FWBRCSI) of such admission and my intent to attend.
4. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the Financial Aid Office of the designated school along with disbursement instructions for any expenses appropriate to the scholarship.
5. If I transfer to another accredited program before using the available funds, remaining funds may be transferred to the gaining institution. In this case I will notify Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc. (P.O. Box 892, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549-0892) immediately regarding the transfer.
6. If I cease to attend the originally selected school, program or training facility of my choice and not transfer immediately to another accredited program, any funds remaining from the scholarship shall be returned by the Financial Aid Office to Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc. (P.O. Box 892, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549-0892).
7. The award of any scholarship assistance is subject to the availability and allocation of funds designated for that particular scholarship assistance. Please read the descriptions of the scholarships available and indicate below the scholarship for which you wish to apply.
  - o The Kay Stokes Memorial Nursing scholarship is awarded exclusively to qualified persons in the field of nursing or related medical fields or to those who intend to pursue and are already admitted to a program which awards the RN or LPN certificate. The certificate may or may not be in conjunction with an AS, AA, BSN or Graduate degree. Any BSN or Graduate degree assistance, however, requires that the recipient shall have earned the RN or LPN certificate.
  - o The John T. Morgan III Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a student who has overcome great adversity in his/her life by an illness, handicap or other special need.
  - o The James M. Sutton Scholarship is applicable to any field of study in an accredited institution of higher learning.

**I HEREBY REQUEST A** *Kay Stokes* *John T. Morgan III* *James Sutton* (circle one)  
Scholarship assistance award to help overcome expenses for the following dates: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ to \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of student applicant

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of parent or guardian

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.



***Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc.***  
***Application for Scholarship***  
***Part II***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. List any special honors or awards received during high school or college whether scholastic or community based. Specify the year received. Include membership in any honor societies, years of membership and offices held in those societies.

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2. List school activities in which you have participated (service clubs, sports, music, class office, etc.). Include the name of the activity, dates of participation and offices held. Do not repeat any items listed in #1 above.

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3. List community organizations in which you have participated (church, scouts, volunteer and charitable organizations). Include the name of the organization, dates of participation and a brief description of your activities. Do not repeat any items listed in #1 or #2 above.

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4. List any employment experiences you have had. Include the name of the employer, a brief description of the position held, the average number of hours worked per week and the dates during which you were employed. Note whether the employment was in conjunction with a work program in high school. Unpaid work experiences such as internships should also be included.

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5. List summer activities in which you have participated. List the name of the activity or organization, a brief description of the activity and the dates of participation. Include camps, schools, volunteer activities, etc.

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6. List the field of study and the degree you plan to pursue in college. Include an explanation describing why you wish to pursue this degree.

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7. Explain why you require financial assistance to pursue your education.

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8. Are you on track to receive a Bright Futures Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which level \_\_\_\_\_



**CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSES**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Reference Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Rotary Club to assign number)

The Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc. has determined that a general picture of family finances should be part of the scholarship selection criteria. We are acutely aware of the confidentiality of such data and the sensitivity required in its handling. Consequently, all responses will be treated as follows:

1. Only one person in the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club will be privy to the association of student's name and financial data, and that person is an Officer of the Scholarship Committee who receives the mail.
2. Once received by an Officer, all financial data will be associated only with the Student Reference Number and the scholarship committee will complete its evaluation based only upon the reference number. The completed form will then be destroyed
3. The attached completed form will be separated from this page and treated separately from all other data required by the scholarship committee.

Should there be any questions concerning the handling of data requested on the following page, call the Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc. Treasurer, Jan Pooley, at 850-651-5124. This form should be submitted to the address below no later than **April 15**.

Return to: Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc.  
P.O. Box 892  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549-0892

Sincerely,  
Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship, Inc.

**CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP PURPOSES**  
(Continued)

STUDENT REFERENCE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Number of family members who are considered principal family income providers: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Number of persons considered dependents (use IRS tax form criteria): \_\_\_\_\_

C. State any unusual circumstances of all family members that might cause higher than normal expenses (i.e. illness, disability, injury, etc.):

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D. Check the category listed below that most closely represents the combined annual income of the principal family income providers:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25,000 or less
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25,001 - \$ 50,000
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 50,001 - \$ 75,000
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ \$75,001 - \$100,000
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ \$100,001 - \$150,000
- f. \_\_\_\_\_ \$150,001 - \$200,000
- g. \_\_\_\_\_ Greater than \$200,000

E. Has student been awarded other scholarships or college assistance? If yes, state source(s) and amount(s):

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F. What percentage, if any, of the student's tuition and books will be the sole responsibility of the student? \_\_\_\_\_

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_

Signature of principal provider: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_