

# *Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club Scholarship*

## **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 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. Applicants 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 student 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. Applicants for the Kay Stokes Memorial Scholarship are graduating seniors or residents of Okaloosa County.

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 and their high school. 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. This does not include Florida's Bright Futures.

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 SCHOLARSHIP***

The Kay Stokes Memorial Scholarships are awarded to qualified persons entering the field of nursing or medical related fields. “Qualified persons” is defined as individuals who intend to achieve and are admitted to a program which leads to the CAN, LPN, RN, or medical admission certificate, the LPN or RN certificate may be 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 or medical related fields.

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).

Any resident of Okaloosa County may apply for the Kay Stokes Memorial Scholarship.

Please write a personal essay about why you should be considered for this scholarship. It may include information such as your academic experience, personal character, leadership, aptitude or financial need.

***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 are unrestricted.

Please write a personal essay about why you should be considered for this scholarship. It may include information such as your academic experience, personal character, leadership, aptitude or financial need

# *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 include 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 Scholarship Inc. (P.O. Box 892, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549-0892) immediately regarding this 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, 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:

\_\_\_\_ **The Kay Stokes Memorial Scholarship** is awarded exclusively to qualified persons in the field of nursing or medical related fields or to those who intend to pursue and are already admitted to a program which awards the CNA, LPN, RN or medical admission 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.

\_\_\_\_ **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.

\_\_\_\_ **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 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.



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

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

1. Please attach a copy of your resume to include special honors or awards, school activities, community organizations and employment experiences.
2. 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.
3. Explain why you require financial assistance to pursue your education.
4. Are you on track to receive Florida's 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 (FWBRCSI) 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 name and financial data, and that person is an Officer of FWBRCSI 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 FWBRCSI.

Should there be any questions concerning the handling of data requested on the following page, call the FWBRCSI 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**

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

A. Please include the first page of your most recent income tax statement.

B. 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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C. 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

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

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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