

Smith Family Scholarship 2026 Application

Read instructions carefully. Complete the application in full. Submit all required documentation. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. PLEASE PRINT.

1 Name _____ Your Age on 8/01/2026 _____
Birthdate _____ Phone Number (_____) _____ - _____
Address _____
Street / Route / Box *City / State / Zip*

2 Name of College, University, Technical/Vocational School you plan to attend

Course of Study _____
City/State/Zip _____

3 Rural Carrier Grand/Parent Name _____
Address (if different than yours) _____
Street / Route / Box *City / State / Zip*

STATE Rural Carrier Grand/Parent Pays Dues In _____
State is required Information

4 **Application Fee – Read Carefully**

1. If your parent(s) are members in AL, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, LA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, WA, WI, or WV (Family Plan States)
NO fees are required

2. If your parent(s) are members in AK, AZ, AR, CT, HI, KY, ME, MD, MA, MT, NV, NH, NM, ND, PR, RI, UT, VT, or WY (Non-Family Plan States)
A \$10.00 non-refundable application fee is required with each application submitted
A \$4.00 one-time, non-refundable annual auxiliary dues fee is required with one application only
Make checks out to NRLCA Auxiliary

5 **Mail Checks to:** Cheryl Mason, National Secretary-Treasurer, 781 Moseley Mill Road, Honoraville, AL 36042

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Do not mail multiple copies of the same scholarship application

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APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2026

Smith Family Scholarship 2026 Instructions

Award: One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded annually

Basis of Award: Awarded through the luck of the draw

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a child or grandchild of a rural letter carrier** (regular, retired, or substitute) who is a member in good standing of the NRLCA
 - The NRLCA member's spouse must be a member of the NRLCA Auxiliary
 - If the NRLCA member is a single parent, membership dues to the NRLCA Auxiliary must still be paid (See #4 on the application for explanation)
 - NRLCA and NRLCA Auxiliary membership will be verified
- Must have graduated from high school or already a student pursuing a post-secondary education
- Must not have reached the age of 21 by August 1, 2026
- Must be unmarried

Application Requirements Checklist

- I have enclosed a completed application form
- If required by #4 on the application, I have mailed a \$10.00 application fee under separate cover to the NRLCA Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer
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Award Process

- The Executive Committee Secretary of the NRLCA Auxiliary shall draw for and handle the Smith Family Scholarship.
- All eligible applicant names shall be placed in a container, and three (3) names will be drawn at the National Convention. The first-named recipient will be notified of the scholarship. If they are unable to attend school or are disqualified that year for any reason, the next alternate will be notified.
- The name of the recipient will be announced at the National Convention.
- No individual will receive more than one NRLCA Auxiliary Scholarship for the current year. If selected for multiple scholarships, they must choose which to receive. The next alternate will be awarded the scholarship(s) refused.
- A scholarship check will be issued when proof of full-time enrollment in the chosen college, university, or technical/vocational or trade school is received by the National Secretary-Treasurer. Proof must be postmarked by November 1, 2026, or the scholarship will be offered to the next alternate.
- Check will be made out to the individual recipient, not the school.
- If the student leaves school without completing the school year, the money must be returned to the NRLCA Auxiliary. The National Auxiliary Officers will review such cases and will make the decision concerning the return of the money. In the case of sickness or death, the family will not be required to return the funds.

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