

Francis and Laurie Raimer 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 **No Application Fee**
This scholarship is available to all Association members, their spouses, children, and grandchildren. All members are included without family plan requirements or fees.

5 **Mail Application to:** Mary Kappenman, Executive Committee Secretary, 314 W. Water Road, Leaf River, IL, 61047.

Do not mail multiple copies of the same scholarship application

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Francis and Laurie Raimer Scholarship 2026 Instructions

Award: One \$2,000.00 scholarship will be awarded annually for the first-place winner
One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded annually for the second-place winner

Basis of Award: Awarded to the two applicants earning the highest number of points as described below

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be an NRLCA member or spouse, child, or grandchild of a rural letter carrier (regular, retired, or substitute) who is a member in good standing of the NRLCA. Membership will be verified**
- Must have reached the age of 25 by August 1, 2026, **OR** hold a Bachelor's degree supported by transcripts

Application Requirements Checklist

The following submissions are required and are valued as noted:

- Transcript - valued up to 20 points
- Two letters of recommendation - each valued up to 15 points
 - One recommendation from a volunteer organization
 - One recommendation from a work or school organization
- Essay on experience and future plans - valued up to 50 points

Award Process

- The evaluation of these applications is to be conducted by active state auxiliary members with at least five (5) years of participation from three (3) of the following states: New York, Virginia, Iowa, and Louisiana.
- The two named recipients 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 names of the recipients 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 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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