



Bethesda Ruritan Club

1714 S. Miami Blvd.
Durham, NC 27703

To: Potential Scholarship Applicants
April 30, 2025

Subject: 2025 Bethesda Ruritan Club Scholarship Application

See Below:

The Bethesda Ruritan Club has made changes to the scholarship program for 2025!

W.E. Rice Scholarships

- We will award two four-year scholarship winners again this year.
- Applicants for a **W.E. Rice scholarship** must be a ***graduating high school senior***.
- Tuition assistance for 8 semesters to a four-year college or university. (Maximum \$3300 per semester)
- **2+2 Option.** (Attend a community college for two years and then transfer to a college or university to complete a chosen degree program)
- If you are planning to attend a community college for two years and then transfer to a four-year college or university, please apply for the **W.E. Rice Scholarship**.

Pauline S. Frazier Scholarship

- In addition to the preexisting associate degree program, we have now added the option to attend trade school.
- **Community College:** Tuition assistance for 4 semesters to a community college. (Maximum \$1500 per semester)
- Applicants to the associate degree program must be a ***graduating high school senior***.
- **Trade School:** Tuition assistance to a trade school, 4 semesters or less. (Maximum \$1500 per semester)
- If you are enrolling in a trade school, apply for the **Pauline S. Frazier scholarship**.
- Examples would include but are not limited to dental hygiene, mechanics, paralegal, radiology tech, auctioneering, practical nursing diploma, nurse aide certificate or funeral service education diploma.
- Applicants to trade school can be a **graduating high school senior or already have a High School diploma/HS Equivalent certificate**. There is no maximum age restriction to apply.

Selection criteria for all scholarships include:

Financial Need

Academic Achievement

Extracurricular Activities

Community Service

Consideration will be given to applicants who live within the Bethesda community. This does not exclude anyone from applying, but those who live outside a three-mile radius of the club are asked to demonstrate some connection with the Bethesda community. A link is provided at the end of this document to see if you reside within a three-mile radius.

The **Bethesda Ruritan Club** may also award one-time cash awards to deserving applicants based on student merit and available funds.

To allow adequate time for review and selection, please return completed applications, along with transcripts and reference letters, **postmarked by May 31st, 2025.**

The scholarship recipients will be announced at the June Bethesda Ruritan Club meeting on Thursday night, **June 26th, 2025.**

If you have any questions, please send an email message to scholarship@bethesdaruritanclub.com.

Please return all applications to:

Jim Caddell

Bethesda Ruritan Scholarship Committee

1408 Patterson Road

Durham, NC 27704

Good luck,

2025 Scholarship Committee

Please complete this application in its entirety. Applications that are incomplete or found to have false information are subject to disqualification. If an item is not applicable, please enter N/A.

Applications Must be postmarked on or before 05-31-2025 for consideration.

Scholarship applying for, Check one:

☐ **W.E. Rice Scholarship (college or university)**

☐ **with 2+2 option**

☐ **Pauline S. Frazier Scholarship (Community College, Trade School)**

Biographical Information

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial
Address _____
Street City State Zip Code
Age _____ Sex _____ Phone _____ email address: _____

☐ **Check here to verify that you live within a 3-mile radius of the Bethesda Ruritan Club.**

Schools Attended

Elementary _____ Middle School _____ High School _____

Family

Father/Guardian Name _____
Last First Middle Initial
Occupation (Job Title) _____ Employer _____
Annual Salary (before taxes) _____

Mother/Guardian Name _____
Last First Middle Initial
Occupation (Job Title) _____ Employer _____
Annual Salary (before taxes) _____

Applicants may be required to provide verification of income.

Siblings: (Living in same household) (Name and Age)

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Scholastic Information

Grade Point Average _____ Class Rank/Total _____ SAT Score _____ ACT Score _____

(Attach High School Transcript)**Colleges, Universities, Community Colleges or Nursing Schools applied to**

School Name	<u>College/University</u>	Com. College	Nursing school	Accepted (Y or N)

Include current tuition cost of the school you have chosen to attend:

School Name: _____ Current Tuition/semester: _____

Please send an email to scholarship@bethesdaruritan.com so we have your correct email address.

Extra-Curricular Activities

For each semester, provide the approximate number of hours of participation for each organization in the blocks provided below.

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Community Service

Ruritan is an organization that exists in urban areas, small towns and rural America. Ruritan's purpose is to help make our local communities a better place to live and work through volunteer community service. Please search for and list the three parts of the Ruritan slogan and explain how you have made your community a better place to live, and what you think it means to be a good citizen. **You may attach an additional sheet if necessary**

Preferential consideration will be given to applicants that reside in the Bethesda community. If you live outside of a three-mile radius of the Bethesda Ruritan Club, explain any connection you may have or previously had with the Bethesda community. Examples could include relatives living in the community, church attendance or employment. **You may attach an additional sheet if necessary**

References

(Attach three reference letters: At least one from school faculty and/or administrators), and at least one from a community leader, church official or employer. The third can be one of the above or a personal character reference.

1. Name _____	Title _____
2. Name _____	Title _____
3. Name _____	Title _____

Other scholarships received:

1. Name _____	Amount _____
2. Name _____	Amount _____
3. Name _____	Amount _____

Below or on an attached sheet, please compose an original essay about why you were put on this earth, what makes you who you are, including things that you think we need to know about you. You may attach an additional sheet if necessary.

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Applicant: Please read and sign the following statement:

I attest to the accuracy of the information given in this application and give my permission to the Scholarship Committee of the Bethesda Ruritan Club to verify all information included.

I agree that my parents and I will be available for an interview with the Scholarship Committee if deemed necessary by the committee.

I understand that I must be present to receive any monetary award on the designated award night.

I agree to attend at least one monthly club meeting per year to share my academic progress while receiving scholarship assistance (June Awards Night preferred).

I agree that I will provide access to official grade reports and current GPA if requested by the Bethesda Ruritan Club while receiving monetary assistance.

I understand that the Bethesda Ruritan Club reserves the right to rescind any future monetary assistance if I do not maintain a 2.0 GPA and normal academic progress towards an undergraduate degree.

Student's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent's Signature (if below 18) _____ **Date** _____

Parent's Signature (if below 18) _____ **Date** _____

Reminders

- *Did you check the block (Page 3) indicating whether or not you live within a three mile radius of the Bethesda Ruritan club?*
- *Did you select (Page 3) which scholarship you are applying for (W.E. Rice or Pauline S. Frazier)?*
- *Did you check the 2+2 option if applicable.*
- *Did you attach three references?*
- *Did you send an email to scholarship@bethesdaruritanclub.com?*

Click on the link below to determine if your residence lies within a three mile radius of the Bethesda Ruritan Club.

Link: <https://www.mapdevelopers.com/draw-circle-tool.php?circles=%5B%5B4828.02%2C35.9481867%2C-78.8379955%2C%22%23FFFFFF%22%2C%22%23000000%22%2C0.4%5D%5D>