



National Association of Railway Business Women

2025 NARBW CHICAGO CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Chicago Chapter of the National Association of Railway Business Women (NARBW) is thrilled to announce our Scholarship Program. These scholarships are funded by generous donations from individuals and chapters within our organization. For the upcoming year, we will be awarded three \$1,000 scholarships. The winners will be announced in May 2025.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Recipients are selected based on academic record, professional and internship experience, relevant volunteer experience, educational and/or professional recommendations, and an essay that includes a statement of character, career and educational aspirations and goals. See specific eligibility guidelines.

The Scholarship Award is open to all students meeting the criteria below. However, additional consideration is given to applicants who are STEM and rail industry or related majors and who have experience in the rail industry.

The NARBW Chicago Award Committee will select the recipients of the award based on the above qualifications and grading rubric with a point system. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

ELIGIBILITY

- Post-Secondary Education students enrolled in an accredited college, university or program.
- All academic majors are eligible to apply
 - Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and rail industry applicants are strongly encouraged to apply

APPLICATION

1. Completed application form
2. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation should include a character reference, statement of the student's potential, and their need for financial aid.

- One from a current employer/industry professional mentor
- Once from an educator or a NARBW Member



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3. A 500-word essay

Essay/autobiography should have the following details:

- Family
- Work Experience
- Community Service
- Hobbies
- Future Goals
- Accomplishments

4. Certified Academic Transcript

We will accept a current, complete, official transcript including student name, school name, grade point average, grades and credit hours for each course and term in which each course was taken.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The NARBW Chicago Chapter Scholarship application must be submitted and postmarked by Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applications and requested documentation can be:

- Mailed to:

National Association of Railway Business Women
Chicago Chapter Scholarship Chairwoman
C/O Bhakti Choksi
3436 Noble Dr., Woodridge, IL 60517

- Email to: chicagoscholarship@narbw.org

AWARD RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Recipients will be informed via a phone call and email if they have received an award.
- Recipients will be given award acceptance instructions and a deadline to accept the award.
- If recipients do not formally accept their awards by the deadline specified in their offer letters, the funds may be reallocated to other applicants.
- Recipients may be asked to attend an event or events honoring them.
- Recipients may be asked to deliver brief remarks at relevant events or provide written remarks for electronic posts.



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APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name:		
Email:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:		
Have you previously been awarded a NARBW Scholarship? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
What year(s)? _____		
Preferred method of contact: <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Mail		
Eligibility: <input type="checkbox"/> Member <input type="checkbox"/> Relative of a Member <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member		

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS
List activities, memberships, special honors, achievements, or other recognition received either in or out of school: (attach additional sheet if needed)

ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
Current School:	
Enrollment Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Full Time <input type="checkbox"/> Part Time	GPA:
Major:	
Projected graduation date: B.S./B.A. _____ M.S./M.A. _____ OTHER _____	
If you are currently attending high school, what college/university will you be attending? _____	
Have you been accepted for admission: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No For what term?	
Planned field of study/goals: _____	
Work experience: (attach additional sheet if needed) _____	

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Applicant Signature: _____