



Recreational Boating Industries Educational Foundation

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM University, College & Trade School

What is RBIEF?

The Recreational Boating Industries Educational Foundation (RBIEF) fosters opportunities for training and education that benefit Michigan's marine industry. The University, College and Trade School Scholarship is one method employed to achieve this mission. RBIEF is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation of the Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA). Visit <https://www.mbia.org/page/rbief> for more information.

Scholarship Eligibility

Eligible applicants must:

- be a Michigan resident
- have an interest in pursuing a career in the marine industry
- complete this scholarship application form
- submit transcript from most recent place of education
- submit a typed essay (around 500 words) describing:
 - your experience and interest in the marine industry
 - your goals, aspirations, desired career path
 - how you see yourself as a valued industry advocate

Not required, however extra points will be awarded if you:

- submit a short video of yourself describing why you love boating
- submit a photo showcasing your love for boating

Applications Are Due May 1, 2024

Applications may be mailed in hard copy or submitted electronically. Please submit completed application to:

Submit Application by mail:

Recreational Boating Industries Educational Foundation
c/o Michigan Boating Industries Association
8625 Richardson Rd., Commerce Township, MI, 48390

Submit Application electronically:

Email: Jbaker@mbia.org

Questions?

Email Jessica Baker at jbaker@mbia.org or call (734) 261-0123 x1

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Today's Date: _____

Last Name

First

Middle

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Are you a Michigan resident? yes no

What is the name of your hometown newspaper? _____

Are you a previous recipient of a RBIEF scholarship? yes no

If yes, what year(s) did you receive a RBIEF scholarship and for what amount?

Year		Year		Year		Year	
\$ Amount		\$ Amount		\$ Amount		\$ Amount	

Do you have a connection to a current member of the Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA)?

- yes (Please indicate name and/or company below)
- no

Contact Name _____

Company Name _____

Please describe connection _____

Do you have any work experience in a boating business or with a company that provides a product or service that supports recreational boating or the marine industry? (Please describe if yes):

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Please document your COMPLETED education (starting with high school):

Name of School*	City & State	# of Years Attended	Still attending?	Did You Graduate?	Diploma or Degree earned or anticipated and date
			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
*Application must include transcripts from most recently attended school.					

What is your field of study/desired field of study?

What educational institution do you or will you attend to pursue this field of study?

If you are not currently attending this institution, when will you start?

Anticipated annual cost of tuition: \$ _____

List any extra-curricular, volunteer activities and/or community service activities in which you participate:

REFERENCES

Name of Reference <i>(supply two references)</i>	Relationship to Applicant	Phone Number

INTERNSHIP & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to your application for scholarship, internship and/or employment opportunities may be available to you at MBIA member organizations. The MBIA membership consists of hundreds of organizations dedicated to the promotion, protection and advancement of the recreational boating industry in Michigan including, but not limited to: boat and yacht dealers, marinas and boat yards, marine product retailers and manufacturers, technical marine service providers, banks and insurance companies.

By checking yes and completing the information below, your name, area(s) of interest, geographic availability and contact information will be made available to all MBIA member organizations to help facilitate hands-on marine industry experiences for interested applicants.

YES! I am interested in internship and/or employment opportunities in the marine industry.

I am only available during summer

I may be available any time during the year

Briefly describe what kind of internship or work experience(s) you would be most interested in:

List the Michigan based city/cities where you would be available to work or intern if an opportunity was available:

NO THANK YOU. I am not interested in/available to pursue an internship opportunity at this time.

SIGNATURE

I hereby authorize the Board of Directors of the Recreational Boating Industries Educational Foundation and/or Michigan Boating Industries Association to inquire and verify any information contained within this application. RBIEF and MBIA shall not be liable for any damages which may result from such inquiry or verification. As part of this authorization, I hereby authorize the individuals listed herein to release to RBIEF or MBIA information as to my character, ability, and/or performance.

I hereby authorize MBIA and RBIEF to utilize all or any portion of my application (written, video or photo) for purposes of marketing, advertising, and other promotion.

I understand that making any misleading or untruthful statements on this application may result in my disqualification if I am awarded a scholarship. I also understand that this application will become a permanent part of my record if awarded a scholarship.

The Recreational Boating Industries Educational Foundation is in compliance with all federal and state non-discrimination laws and regulations. No person shall be excluded from participation in this scholarship program on the basis of race, creed, religion, national origin, sex, or any other categories protected by law.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Complete only if applicant is a minor:

Parent/Guardian Full Name

Relationship

Phone

Street Address *(if different than applicant)* City

State

Zip Code

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Do you have everything you need to be considered for this scholarship?

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