



Recreational Boating Industries Educational Foundation

BOATING INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP

Dear Applicant:

Michigan's boating industry is a strong and vibrant industry that contributes approximately \$3 billion to the Michigan economy. Michigan's marine businesses offer a bright future for graduates who have chosen a career in the industry. The Recreational Boating Industries Educational Foundation (RBIEF) and the Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA) invite you to apply for a scholarship in one of Michigan's great industries.

What is the Recreational Boating Industries Educational Foundation?

The RBIEF is a non-profit foundation of the Michigan Boating Industries Association (www.mbia.org) that develops industry-related programs and offers financial support, internships, and seasonal work experience for college/university students who are pursuing careers in the boating industry.

What types of boating industry careers are available?

- Marketing: advertising, promotions, retail sales/management, product distribution, etc.
- Service: product repair, warranty, parts distribution, etc.
- Facilities: marina management, facility design, construction, etc.
- Manufacturing: naval architecture, production, sales representatives, etc.

How many and what types of scholarships are available?

The foundation will generally award 10 – 15 scholarships to students enrolled at any accredited college or university, Michigan preferred. Award amounts vary based on applicant qualifications including academic accomplishments, financial need and potential value to the boating industry, and typically range from \$500 - \$2,500. RBIEF also offers an internship/scholarship program at Michigan State University's College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies. For more information on this program, go online at: www.boatingscholarship.com or www.mbia.org and click on *About MBIA*, then *Scholarship/Internship Program at Michigan State University*.

Who can apply?

Anyone who is currently enrolled or scheduled to be enrolled at an accredited college or university can apply for an RBIEF scholarship. However, priority is given to applicants who have a desire to pursue a career in the boating industry and pursue academic fields of study, which are applicable to industry needs.

When are the applications due?

Completed applications are due at the RBIEF office **no later than March 15** for the fall semester of the coming academic year. Incomplete applications and/or those that do not have the required documentation will be rejected.

When will the recipients be announced?

Notification and announcements will be made in June. Checks are dispersed shortly thereafter.

Is there summer work placement?

RBIEF will assist any scholarship recipient in finding work at a Michigan marine business upon request.

We encourage you to pursue a career in the exciting Michigan boating industry by applying for an educational scholarship today!

Sincerely,

Recreational Boating Industries Educational Foundation

RBIEF SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

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Applications are due March 15 – No Exceptions.

Incomplete applications and/or those that do not include required documents WILL NOT be reviewed for acceptance. A completed application includes the following:

1. Typed or neatly printed **application form**, pages 3-6. All sections **MUST** be completed for consideration.
2. **FIRST TIME APPLICANTS:** A **typed 200-300 word essay** stating the applicant's boating industry career goals and why he/she feels they are deserving of a boating industry scholarship.

RETURNING APPLICANTS: A **typed 100-200 word update** on educational progress and boating industry career growth experiences.

3. **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** A **true copy of cumulative transcripts** from the applicant's high school.

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDENTS: An **authentic copy of cumulative transcripts** from the applicant's college/university.

4. **Two current letters of reference** from persons other than relatives. (Letters of reference are **NOT** necessary for returning applicants.)

The RBIEF scholarship review committee will consider any other pertinent information the applicant wishes to submit.

Submit completed applications to:

Recreational Boating Industries Educational Foundation
c/o Michigan Boating Industries Association
32398 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154-6109
(phone) 734.261.0123 (fax) 734.261.0880 dneedham@mbia.org



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.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Today's Date: _____

_____ XXX – XX - _____
 Last Name First Middle Last 4 digits of Social Security Number

Street Address City State Zip Code Area Code & Tel. No.
 Email Address: _____ Cell: _____

Parent/Guardian or Nearest Relative: _____
Full Name Relationship

Street Address City State Zip Code Area Code & Tel. No.

Are you a permanent resident of the State of Michigan? yes no

What is the name of your hometown newspaper? _____

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

If yes, what year (or years) did you receive an RBIEF scholarship and in what amount?

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

Do you have any close relatives, or any direct connection to any person, who is employed in the Michigan boating industry?
 yes no

If yes, your connection:
 (Name) _____ (Co. Name) _____ (Relationship) _____

What educational institution do you currently attend or will attend? _____

Are you or will you be a full-time or part-time student? full-time part-time

What work experience, if any, do you have in a recreational boating business or with a firm that provides a product or service that supports recreational boating? (Please be specific): _____

Please indicate which group below (1 – 2) best describes you (check only one).

Group 1: I have a desire to pursue a career in the boating industry.

Describe your current boating industry career goals: _____

Group 2: I have **NO** desire to pursue a career in the industry. Please describe the reasons you are worthy of scholarship consideration.

Please describe _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total anticipated cost of one year's tuition: \$ _____ How do you plan to finance your education?
(Check all that apply)

Parental or family support- _____ (\$ dollar amount)

Income from summer job- _____ (\$ dollar amount)

Work part-time- _____ (\$ dollar amount)

Student loans- _____ (\$ dollar amount)

Scholarships, grants, etc.- _____ (\$ dollar amount)

Other- _____ (\$ dollar amount)

Please give details: _____

Please list name of all scholarships, grants, loans, etc., that you have received or expect to receive for the upcoming academic year (include dollar amounts):

Complete items A –C ONLY if you ARE a dependent (or on someone else's tax return).

A) Occupation and employer of father: _____

B) Occupation and employer of mother: _____

C) Do you have any siblings? yes no

If yes, please indicate their ages and if they will be in college at the same time as you:

Complete items D - E below if you are NOT a dependent and you are on your own.

D) Your total income (before taxes) in _____ (year). \$ _____

E) Your occupation and employer : _____

Please explain any unusual circumstances that have contributed to your financial situation and need for this scholarship.

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Your academic field of study: _____

What boating industry positions or job descriptions can utilize this field of study: _____

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

Name of School	City & State	# of Years Attended	Circle Last Year Completed	Did You Graduate?	Diploma or Degree
			9 10 11 12	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
			1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
			1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	
			1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	

List any extra-curricular or volunteer activities you participated in during high school or while at college/university:

REFERENCES / OTHER

Complete this section ONLY if you are a first time applicant.

Fill in the appropriate information below for your references. Each person must submit a letter of reference on your behalf.

Name of Reference	Occupation	City & State	Relationship to Applicant	Phone Number

How did you learn about this RBIEF scholarship program? _____

Signature

I hereby authorize the Board of Directors of the Recreational Boating Industries Educational Foundation (RBIEF) and/or Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA) 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 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.



Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(if applicant is a minor)

Date