

February 18, 2025

Dear Graduating Senior,

On behalf of the Rotary Club of St. John the Baptist Parish (formerly Rotary Club of LaPlace), we wish to congratulate you on your impending graduation. We know that you have worked diligently toward this special day and have achieved many of your goals. It is now time to look forward to achieving higher goals.

The Rotary Club of St. John the Baptist Parish would like to be part of helping you reach your new goals. It is our pleasure to announce the following \$1,000 Rotary Scholarships.

Shirley B. Gauff Memorial Scholarship for students majoring in Education, sponsored by Mrs. Gauff's family. Mrs. Gauff dedicated her life to the service of both young and old. She was an educator of St. John the Baptist Parish youth who loved people and volunteered to serve the elderly. This scholarship is open to seniors from both public and private schools who intend to pursue a major in Education.

Beverly Harris Memorial Scholarship. Mrs. Harris was an educator in St. John the Baptist Parish and a longtime member of the Rotary Club of LaPlace. Her life exemplified the Rotary motto, Service Above Self. This scholarship is open to senior students of East St. John High (ESJH) and West St. John High (WSJH).

Demetria L. Robinson-Carter, CPA Scholarship, sponsored by Demetria L. Robinson-Carter. Mrs. Carter is an East St. John High alumnus, Past-President of the Rotary Club of LaPlace, and Owner-CEO of DRC Mortgage Lending, LLC. This scholarship is open to East St. John High seniors.

Service Above Self Scholarship This anonymously sponsored scholarship is open to East St. John and West St. John High seniors. One award will be presented to a senior from ESJH, and another to a senior from WSJH.

Dean Torres Memorial Scholarship Mr. Torres was the Executive Director of St. John United Way and a longtime member of the Rotary Club of LaPlace. This scholarship is open to seniors in public or private schools.

To apply for these scholarships, you must meet the following requirements:

1. A senior enrolled at a St. John the Baptist Parish school.
2. GPA of 2.5 or higher.
3. ACT of 20 or higher.
4. Availability for an interview on March 22, 2025.
5. Participation in school, community, and church service activities.

Once you have met the above requirements, you should complete the following two-page application and submit it with the following:

1. A copy of your transcript.
2. A copy of your ACT scores.

Applications must be received by March 11, 2025. Please email the application to both demicpa@msn.com and rmichel@rtconline.com. Finalists will be notified by March 17, 2025, and will be interviewed on March 22, 2025.

We wish you much success as you enter this new and exciting chapter of your life. Best wishes to all that you do.

Sincerely,
Mary Lynn Alltmont
Scholarship Chairperson

Please check the scholarships to which you are applying:

- Shirley B. Gauff Memorial Scholarship**
- Beverly Harris Memorial Scholarship**
- Demetria Robinson-Carter, CPA Scholarship**
- Service Above Self Scholarship**
- Dean Torres Memorial Scholarship**

(Please PRINT)

Personal Information:

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Physical Address _____

Phone (home/cell) _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Parent's Name (First & Last) _____

Education:

Current High School _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____ ACT Score _____

Dual Enrollment, if applicable: University/College _____

_____ Hours Earned _____

Name of the University you plan on attending _____

Major _____

Community Service:

List all organizations you are a part of, including any positions held. This may include community service, church groups, volunteer activities, etc. (If needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper to the application.)

Of all the community service that you have done, which do you feel is the most meaningful? Please explain why.

Other:

Please list any other scholarships you have received.

I spend my free time: (Provide a brief description of how you typically spend your free time, including hobbies, activities, or interests.)
