



BYRON CENTER
Chamber of Commerce

Byron Center Chamber of Commerce **2026 Rod Korhorn Memorial Scholarship Application**

Application Instructions

The **Byron Center Chamber of Commerce Rod Korhorn Memorial Scholarship** will honor students graduating in 2026 who demonstrate character and citizenship in our community. All students who meet the eligibility requirements are highly encouraged to apply.

In 2026, scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to graduating seniors selected from among those applicants who:

1. Live within the Byron Center Public Schools District boundaries
2. Graduate from an accredited high school or from a home-school program meeting State of Michigan requirements
3. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
4. Have been accepted to attend an accredited 2- or 4-year college or university or a trade school in Fall, 2026; and
5. Successfully complete the application process.

Application Procedure

To apply for a **2026 Rod Korhorn Memorial Scholarship**, you must submit the two-page Scholarship Application form (pages 3 and 4 of this document) including all the required information and signatures, and the Required Documents listed at the bottom of Page 2. You do not need to submit pages 1 and 2. For more information, see Page 2 of these instructions.

Submitting Your Application

Submit your completed application packet to the Chamber of Commerce by:

- **Delivering it to the Chamber Office** at 2575 84th St. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315
Please call (616) 878-0108 to ensure that someone will be available when you arrive.
- **Mailing it to the Chamber** at P.O. Box 124, Byron Center, MI 49315
- **E-mailing it to the Chamber** to info@byroncenterchamber.org
Please put "Scholarship Application" in the subject line

To be considered, complete applications must **reach the Chamber's office, its e-mail inbox, or its P.O. Box** by **3:30 PM (EST) on Wednesday, February 4, 2026.**

The Scholarship Award Process

All scholarship applications will be reviewed by the Chamber Scholarship Committee. From those submitted, finalists will be selected for a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee. Finalists will be notified of the Committee's decisions by April 2026. Payment of scholarship awards will be made directly to the institution at which you enroll.

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Specific Instructions for Required Materials

1. Application Form

- a. The Application Form (Page 3) must be submitted with the information printed legibly and directly on the form.
- b. Page 4 may be submitted using the form, with the information printed legibly, or may be submitted as a typed page (included with the Application) in either Microsoft Word or pdf format meeting the commonly accepted standards of professional business or educational written communication. It must include the information called for in the order listed.

2. Personal Essay:

- a. Please put your name at the top of the Essay.
- b. Describe how your involvement in community service, athletics, work, or other experience has made a significant impact on your life and future goals.
- c. Your Essay must be typed, limited to one page, provided in either Microsoft Word or pdf format, and should be structured like a formal school essay.

3. One Letter of Recommendation

- a. Letter must be from someone other than a family member.
- b. It must be provided in either Microsoft Word or .pdf format.
- c. Letter from someone employed at a school or business must be provided on the organization's letterhead. Those from individuals must bear the writer's name, return address, phone number, and the signature of the writer.

4. Any missing pieces of the application will deem the application incomplete and may not be considered.



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Please Print (All Information is required unless otherwise noted)

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, MI Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

School Email: _____

Personal Email: _____

Applicant's email address will be used only to contact a student regarding this application

High School Information:

Which high school do you currently attend?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Byron Center High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Byron Center Charter School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South Christian High School | <input type="checkbox"/> Zion Christian School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home-Schooled | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Cumulative GPA _____. _____ (As of the date your application was submitted)

Current College Plans:

To which college, university, or trade school have you applied or are currently applying?
(Mark with an * those for which you are including proof of acceptance with this Application; only one required)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What field of study are you considering? _____

When submitting your application, be sure to include page 1 and 2 of the application, along with your personal essay and letter of recommendation.

Applicant's Signature:

Signature *Date*

Name and signature of a Parent or Guardian:

Printed Name *Signature* *Date*

Guidance Counselor verification of your GPA:

Printed Name *Signature* *Contact Phone Number*



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Resume

Please Print

(Applicants may use this page and/or provide an additional typed page included with the application)

Name: _____

List the school activities/clubs in which you have been involved during High School.

List all sports in which you have been involved during High School, including club teams.

(Applicants do not need to be involved in athletics to be considered for this scholarship.)

List your hobbies, talents, and work experience.

List all community, church, or other service projects in which you have been involved.

List academic and or personal honors you have received during your High School years.
