



Walkabout Outfitter Scholarship

The founders of Walkabout Outfitter believe that meaningful success comes from hard work, persistence, and sacrifice. One of the founders is a graduate of Lexington High School and remains deeply appreciative of the education and community that helped shape that foundation. Building Walkabout Outfitter required years of dedication, long hours, and personal sacrifice, and the founders believe — and know from experience — that hard work truly does pay off.

“There is no elevator to success — you have to take the stairs.”

This scholarship honors Rockbridge area students who are willing to put in the work and make the sacrifices to achieve their goals.

A Quick Note on Doing the Work Yourself

Since this scholarship is about hard work, perseverance, and earning your way forward, we expect this application and essay to be completed by *you*. In other words: please do not use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to write or assist with this application. We want to hear *your* voice, not a computer’s.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a Rockbridge County resident (this includes Lexington City, Buena Vista, etc.)
- Be a graduating high school senior
- Plan to attend an accredited college, university, trade school, or vocational program
- Applicants may not be employees of Walkabout Outfitter, Inc., nor may they be immediate family members (including children, stepchildren, or dependents) of current Walkabout Outfitter employees

Award Details

- One-time scholarship award of \$1,000.00
- Awarded on a reimbursement basis
- Reimbursement issued upon submission of documentation demonstrating payment of tuition
- Reimbursement will be issued after enrollment and verification of paid tuition bill

Application Deadline: April 2, 2026

Submission Instructions: Applications must be submitted to the student’s high school guidance office.

Scholarship Application

Full Legal Name:

Home Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Current High School and Location:

Anticipated Graduation Date:

Educational Plans

List the college(s), university(ies), trade school(s), or vocational program(s) you have applied to and indicate acceptance status and which one you have decided to attend if known.

Institutions / Programs and Acceptance Status:

Essay (750 maximum words)- Reminder, do not use AI.

“There is no elevator to success — you have to take the stairs.”

What does this statement mean to you in terms of working hard to achieve your goals? Give personal examples.

Attach essay on a separate page.

Letters of Recommendation (attach separately)

- One letter from a current or former employer
- One letter from a teacher- can be a generic recommendation versus specifically for this scholarship

Résumé

Please attach a current résumé. This may include paid work, volunteer experience, leadership roles, extracurricular activities, or other experiences that demonstrate responsibility and work ethic.

Academic Record

Please include your most recent transcript. While grades are an important indicator of effort and academic commitment, they are not the sole factor in scholarship selection. We take a holistic view of each applicant and value tenacity—especially when it's demonstrated through resilience, steady improvement, and positive academic trends over time.

Applicant Certification

I certify that all information provided in this application is accurate and complete and that this application and essay represent my own work and is not done via artificial intelligence (AI). I understand that this scholarship is awarded on a reimbursement basis and that reimbursement will occur only after enrollment and submission of documentation showing paid tuition bill.

Applicant Signature:

Date:
