



Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition Scholarship In Memory of Keith Rathbun

Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2026.

Scholarship applications can be mailed to **Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition, PO Box 1173, New Philadelphia, OH 44663** or scanned and emailed to **tuscarawasliteracy@gmail.com**.

Background

The Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition scholarship was established in memory of board member and friend of literacy, Keith Rathbun. The scholarship will be offered to students with the goal of aiding students in their efforts to obtain a Certificate, Associate, or Bachelor's degree.

Amount

Two (2) \$500 scholarships will be awarded in 2026.

Eligibility

The applicant must

1. be a senior graduating in 2026.
2. plan to begin their studies at an accredited post-secondary institution in any course of study.
3. fulfill at least one of the following school/residence criteria:
 - be a Tuscarawas County resident (may attend a school outside of Tuscarawas County school).
 - be enrolled at a Tuscarawas County High School (may reside outside of Tuscarawas County).
 - be a Tuscarawas County homeschooled student.

Selection Criteria – Required Documents

1. Completed application (see page 2)
 - Attach up to **one page** describing your school involvement, extra-curricular activities, and community service.
2. Essay response
 - Include a 300 to 500 word, typed essay addressing the prompt "How have you or how would you improve literacy in your community?"
3. Two letters of recommendation
 - 1 from a teacher and 1 from another adult (club or group advisor, another teacher or school official, etc.)

The scholarship winner will be notified after April 1.

Payment will be made to the recipient's college/university. Bursar information must be forwarded to the Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition treasurer.

Tuscarawas County Literacy Coalition Scholarship Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

High School: _____ GPA: _____

Name of College/University: _____

Course of Study: _____

Degree/Certificate (you expect to receive): _____

Semester you will be starting (circle): Fall Winter Summer

Attach not more than two additional pages containing your essay, a description of your school involvement, extra-curricular and community activities, and community service.

I have personally prepared this report and certify that it accurately reflects my work:

Date: _____ Signed: _____
(Applicant)

I have reviewed and support this application and believe it to be correct:

Date: _____ Signed: _____
(Parent or Guardian)