

2026 Bee a Rae of Sunshine Foundation Scholarship Criteria

The Bee a Rae of Sunshine Foundation is proud to offer four scholarships in 2026, totaling \$15,000, to support students who embody kindness, compassion, and a commitment to making a positive impact in their communities. Each scholarship is designed to honor the passions and values of MaKenzi Rae Cash.

General Eligibility

- **Minimum GPA:** 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- **Graduating high school senior class**
- **Resident of Carroll County Maryland**
- **Service Hours:** >=125 hours

Scholarship Categories

1. Bee a Rae of Sunshine Foundation – MaKenzi Rae Cash Memorial Nursing Scholarship

- **Award Amount:** \$4,000
- **Eligibility:** Students accepted to or enrolled in a college nursing program
- **Description:** For aspiring nurses who demonstrate compassion and a dedication to helping others.
- **Essay Requirement:** “Describe a time when you showed kindness or advocated against bullying in a healthcare or school setting. How did this experience influence your desire to become a nurse?”

2. Bee a Rae of Sunshine Foundation – MaKenzi Rae Cash Memorial Volleyball Scholarship

- **Award Amount:** \$4,000
- **Eligibility:** Students committed to playing volleyball at the collegiate level (club or varsity)
- **Description:** For student-athletes who demonstrate teamwork, leadership, and a commitment to uplifting others on and off the court.
- **Essay Requirement:** “Share a story about how you used kindness or stood up against bullying as part of your volleyball team. How will you continue to promote these values in college?”

3. Bee a Rae of Sunshine Foundation – MaKenzi Rae Cash Memorial Animal Compassion Scholarship

- **Award Amount:** \$4,000
- **Eligibility:** Students pursuing college studies in animal science, veterinary care, or related fields
- **Description:** For those passionate about animal welfare and using compassion to make a difference in the lives of animals and people.
- **Essay Requirement:** “Describe how you have promoted kindness or anti-bullying in an animal care setting or through your advocacy for animals. How does this relate to your career goals?”

4. Bee a Rae of Sunshine Foundation – MaKenzi Rae Cash Memorial Military Service & Leadership Scholarship

- **Award Amount:** \$3,000
- **Eligibility:** Students entering a branch of the military or enrolled in a college ROTC program
- **Description:** For future service members who exemplify courage, respect, and kindness in service to others.
- **Essay Requirement:** “Explain how you have demonstrated kindness or taken a stand against bullying in your school or community. How will these values shape your service in the military?”

Application Requirements

- Completed application form
- Official transcript
- Proof of acceptance/enrollment in relevant program or team
- Essay (500–750 words) specific to the scholarship category