

2026 Julie and Dick Baker Memorial Scholarship

Applications Due Tuesday, March 31, 2026

The family and friends of Julie and Dick Baker wish to invest in the education of a highly motivated, graduating high school senior currently attending school in the Rochester City School District. The recipient must plan to pursue a degree in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) at a two- or four-year college, university, or technical school.

Eligibility

- A graduating high school senior from the Rochester City School District
- Intending to major full-time in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or technical school during the 2026/2027 school year
- Demonstrates financial need. Student must complete the FAFSA
- Graduating with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA

Award

One award of \$1,000 per year, renewable up to three times for a total of four awards in four consecutive years. Awards are contingent upon the recipient continuing to meet scholarship eligibility and will be made directly to the student.

The award recipient will be required to verify continued full-time enrollment in a STEM program, maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA, and complete the scholarship renewal form to release subsequent scholarship payments.

These funds may be used for college expenses such as tuition, fees, books, and other expenses associated with higher education. The winner will be announced April 24, 2026. Funds will be provided upon proof of enrollment.

Donor Information

This scholarship was created to honor the lives of Julie and Dick Baker, both beloved members of the Rochester community taken from us much too soon.

Julie and Dick studied electrical engineering in college and graduated from Clarkson University and Rochester Institute of Technology, respectively. They met while working at RG&E and married in 1989. They would go on to build a home in Fairport, NY and raise a son and three daughters within their large, loving extended families.

When Dick passed away from cancer in 1999 at the age of 47, Julie put all of her energy towards giving her family the best lives possible. She did just that until her sudden passing in January 2020 at the age of 58.

Julie's family and work colleagues hosted the first annual Julie Baker Memorial Golf Tournament in August 2021 to raise funds for the Willow Domestic Violence Center here in Rochester. Shortly afterwards, the Julie and Dick Baker Memorial Fund was formed in hopes of broadening the reach of their family and friends' generosity, starting with this scholarship to help a student in need.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our cause over the years. We will work to never let Julie and Dick's love and light for their family, their friends, and each other dwindle.

Submission

All components must be submitted, delivered, or mailed by March 31, 2026:

- Completed Application
- Copy of Student Aid Report showing Expected Family Contribution generated from the FAFSA
- Official Transcript
- Essay
- Letter of Recommendation

To apply online, please visit juliebakermemorialgolf.com/scholarship and complete the online form.

To apply via email, please complete the application on the next page. Send us an email at scholarship@juliebakermemorialgolf.com with the application and all related documents attached.

To apply by mail, please complete and print the application on the next page. Mail the application and all relevant documents to the address below.

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

Julie and Dick Baker Memorial Fund
Attn: Scholarship Committee
144 Sandoris Circle
Rochester, NY 14622

Questions, comments, or concerns? Please contact us at scholarship@juliebakermemorialgolf.com.

Please note: we consider your information confidential, and will never share it outside of our scholarship committee without your permission.

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Applicant Information

Full name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Full name: _____

Address: _____ (Skip if same as above)

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

School Information

Name of current school: _____

Full name of school counselor: _____

Email address of school counselor: _____

College, University, or Technical School Information

Please list colleges or technical schools you applied to and are considering attending with intended major:

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_____	_____
_____	_____
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FAFSA Student Aid Report

Must show Expected Family Contribution generated from the FAFSA.

- ☐ My FAFSA Student Aid Report is enclosed. ☐ I will send my FAFSA Student Aid Report in the mail or via email separately at a later date.

Official Transcript

Must be an official high school transcript. Copies will not be accepted.

- ☐ My official transcript is enclosed. ☐ My school will send my official transcript in the mail or via email separately.

Essay

Requirements:

- Explain how this award will help you afford college in the Fall
- Include why you are passionate about pursuing a career in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM)
- One page only, double spaced, typed, 11-pt. font

You are also encouraged to include:

- Extracurricular school activities
- Work experience that influenced your career choice
- Awards or honors
- Community service

- ☐ My essay is enclosed.

Letter of Recommendation

Requirements:

- One letter from a school official (teacher, coach, counselor, administrator)
- Clearly illustrates their support for the student to receive this scholarship
- No more than one page

- ☐ My letter of recommendation is enclosed. ☐ My school official will send my letter of recommendation in the mail or via email separately.

By signing below you agree to all terms of the 2026 Julie and Dick Baker Memorial Scholarship.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____