2026 Scholarship Invitation

Application Deadline: **December 1, 2026**

To Prospective Applicant,

One of the main objectives of the Antique Automobile Club of America has been the promotion of education amongst our membership, young members, and the community at large. One of the ways we can strengthen our old car hobby and continue its appreciation from one generation to the next includes recognizing students through AACA awards scholarships who demonstrate academic studentship paired with an active interest and participation in the antique car hobby through restoration, preservation, touring or ownership of such vehicles

To this end, the Antique Automobile Club of America has mandated a program to nurture, grow and maintain promising youth through the implementation of these scholarship programs. Whether their interests have been shown through restoration, preservation, and/or ownership of antique cars, AACA supports its commitment to qualified candidates with several types of $1,500 awards, with privately funded scholarships also awarded periodically. All Scholarship awards are presented as part of the AACA Annual Conference in the first quarter of each year in conjunction with the presentation of AACA's national awards.

Attached to this letter is the 2026 Scholarship Application. It is very important that you review the application carefully so you can become familiar with and include all required items for your application. Be sure to refer to the first page of the application for a checklist of items which must accompany your application. A .pdf version of the application can also be downloaded from the internet at https://aaca.org/scholarships/. Incomplete applications will be disqualified.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you or if you have any questions.
Yours sincerely,

Kyle Blake

AACA Board of Directors, VP Youth Development & Awards
12100 Blake Lane NE, Cumberland, MD 21502

e. Blakerestorations@gmail.com

t. 443-564-7268

2026 AACA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Eligibility and Application Procedures

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- ***Deadline for all applications shall be December 1, of the year preceding the AACA Annual Conference.***
- ***NOTE:*** **Some scholarships require the applicant to be a member of Antique Automobile Club of America. Take note, as others may also allow the applicant to have** a current member of your immediate family* or legal guardian in the AACA who are active and in good standing for a minimum of 5 years prior to the scholarship deadline date, or be an active AACA member in good standing for a minimum of 24 continuous months prior to the scholarship deadline date. **** Immediate family means father, mother or grandparent.***
- **OFFICIAL High School/College Transcript** is defined as a signed and sealed record produced by your school's Registrar. It can be included in your packet and sent by Certified Mail to the Scholarship AACA VP; or sent directly from your school to the Chair by regular mail. Note: Opened transcripts, not in an official signed and sealed envelope, are invalid and unofficial and will not be accepted.
- **Write and Include a Student Essay** that includes and describes qualities that should be mentioned, such as: both interest in antique automobiles and growing development in AACA /the vintage car hobby; factors that have influenced interest in antique vehicles; and activities in local club, typed or handwritten clearly (one page only).
- **Write and Include a Student Resume/Profile** that includes and describes qualities that support: academic area of greatest strength; career objective; honors received; outstanding projects or papers; involvement in community activities; extra-curricular activities; special skills, talents, hobbies and other interests; special skills, talents, hobbies and other interests) about your education and vocational goals.
- **Include one/two letters of recommendation from different AACA members who are not a close relative**. Those requested for the letter should mention and include describing the candidate in clear and concise terms, the candidate's personal characteristics, and include appropriate comments on the candidate's achievement and involvement in the auto hobby plus describe both their involvement with and how long they have been acquainted with the candidate.
- **Include a .jpeg photo** or a non-returnable wallet-sized recent photo for possible use by the AACA. By submitting a photo, the AACA reserves the right to use the submitted photo in publications concerning the scholarship unless a specific written objection to said use is included when the photo is submitted.
- When indicated, **BOTH the affiliated Region/Chapter President <u>AND</u> Secretary** must verify membership of applicant or of immediate family by completing and signing the last section of this application.
- **Applications must be typed or handwritten clearly and ALL requirements and questions**

must be completed and answered or the application will be disqualified. An online application is available at www.aaca.org. Your application and all supplementary material become the property of the AACA and cannot be returned. You are encouraged to make a photocopy of your application before submission.

- Final Scholarship Selection: Selection will be made by the AACA Scholarship Review Committee.
- Announcement of the Awards: Each award shall be presented in conjunction with the AACA National Awards as a part of the AACA Annual Convention, held in the first quarter of each year.

- **IMPORTANT – In order to avoid disqualification, please use each Award's Applicant Checklist of items that must be included with your application for each scholarship.**

Send Completed Application Files to the Address Below by utilizing one of the following required methods:

☐ **PREFERED: EMAIL completed application as ONE complete .pdf file.**

If multiple scholarships are applied for, EACH application submitted requires one separate .pdf file

☐ **United States Postal Service - Priority Mail completed application as ONE file.**

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding these mailing requirements. Your application will not be considered if submitted late or if it has not completed requirements

Applications MUST be postmarked Email or Postal Receipt by December 1, 2026

Mail to:	Kyle Blake, AACA Board of Directors VP Youth Development & Awards, 12100 Blake Lane NE, Cumberland, MD 21502
Email to:	blakerestorations@gmail.com
Questions?	**Email, Call or Text to** 443-564-7268

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GENERAL EDUCATION/ AACA ANTIQUE AUTOMOTIVE INTEREST SCHOLARSHIPS

- **AACA Scholarship Award**
- **Young People's Award/AACA Region Nominated**
- **AACA John and Janet Ricketts Leadership Scholarship**

AACA Scholarship Award

This award is granted to encourage individuals to further their education and stimulate interest in AACA and the history of vehicles in general.

Applicant Checklist:

- ☐ **Applicant** AACA Membership. AACA Member #_____
  Region/Chapter _____
- ☐ Official High School/College **Transcript**
- ☐ Official **Acceptance Letter** to a recognized accredited institution, or is now enrolled in such institution leading to a four-year college Bachelor's degree or completion of a two-year vocational education program.
- ☐ Student **Resume or Profile**
- ☐ Student **Essay**
- ☐ Student **Photo**
- ☐ **Two** letters of recommendation from different AACA members who are not a close relative.
- ☐ Application submitted as one .pdf file, signed and dated by the Applicant Only.
- ☐ Applicant must be no more than 25 years old.

AACA Scholarship Award Application

***ALL Fields Required**

First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:

Date of Birth (MM / DD /YYYY)	Home Address:

City:	State / Province:	Zip / Postal Code:

Daytime/Cell Telephone:	Email:
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Grade completed:	Name and Address of School or College from which you are about to graduate:

Address while attending college or university (if different from Home Address above):

Two Letters of Recommendation from AACA Members that are not related to Applicant

1. Full Name	Relationship	Address	Phone	Email
2. Full Name	Relationship	Address	Phone	Email

APPLICANT SIGNATURE (Must be signed by APPLICANT or be subject to disqualification)	
In applying for this scholarship and signing below, I acknowledge and agree that all scholarship awards will be paid directly to the recipient's educational institution.	
Applicant's Signature (MUST be the signature of the Applicant)	Date:
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Young People's Award/AACA Region Nominated

This award recognizes an individual who is nominated by an AACA region or chapter, has made a significant contribution to its successful operation and/or has demonstrated a sustained active interest in owning, restoring, or preserving antique vehicles or automobilia.

Applicant Checklist:

- ☐ **Applicant** AACA Membership. AACA Member #_____
  Region/Chapter _____
- ☐ **Nomination by AACA Region/Chapter** – **A letter from President or Secretary of a Region/Chapter stating that the applicant has been nominated and approved** by the club or board of directors **AND a copy of the Meeting minutes** from the Secretary where applicant was approved. Include both items.
- ☐ Official High School /College **Transcript**
- ☐ Official **Acceptance Letter** to a recognized accredited institution, or is now enrolled in such institution leading to a four-year college Bachelor's degree or completion of a two-year vocational education program.
- ☐ Student **Resume** or Profile
- ☐ Student **Essay**
- ☐ Student Photo
- ☐ **Two** letters of recommendation from different AACA members who are not a close relative.
- ☐ Application submitted as one file, .pdf preferred, signed and dated by the Applicant Only.
- ☐ Applicant must be no more than 25 years old.

AACA Region Nominated/Young People's Award Application
***ALL Fields Required**

First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:

Date of Birth (MM / DD /YYYY)	Home Address:

City:	State / Province:	Zip / Postal Code:

Daytime/Cell Telephone:	Email:
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Grade completed:	Name and Address of School or College from which you are about to graduate:

Address while attending college or university (if different from Home Address above):

Two Letters of Recommendation from AACA Members that are not related to Applicant

1. Full Name	Relationship	Address	Phone	Email

2. Full Name	Relationship	Address	Phone	Email

AACA Region/Chapter Nomination Verification

To be completed and verified by your local chapter's President and Secretary:

We are pleased to recommend (name of applicant):	As a candidate for:
	☐ AACA Young People's Award

We verify the membership of the Applicant in our Chapter:

Full Name of Applicant:	Membership #	# of years as a member in good standing (dues paid):

Chapter Name:	Chapter City & State/Province:

REGION/CHAPTER PRESIDENT – Full Name: Signature:

Daytime Telephone:	Home Address:	
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City:	State / Province:	Zip / Postal Code:

REGION/CHAPTER SECRETARY – Full Name: Signature:

Daytime Telephone:	Home Address:	
( ) -		
City:	State / Province:	Zip / Postal Code:

APPLICANT SIGNATURE (Must be signed by APPLICANT or be subject to disqualification)

In applying for this scholarship and signing below, I acknowledge and agree that all scholarship awards will be paid directly to the recipient's educational institution.

Applicant's Signature (MUST be the signature of the Applicant)	Date:
X	

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AACA John and Janet Ricketts Leadership Scholarship

This award is in recognition of AACA's first female national president, Janet Ricketts, who served in 1999 and is granted by the family of John and Janet Ricketts in appreciation of their love for AACA and their belief in service to the club.

Applicant Checklist:

- ☐ **Applicant** AACA Membership **OR Immediate Family** AACA Membership.
  - **Applicant AACA Member** #_____,
    Region/Chapter_____
  - **Immediate Family AACA Member**#_____,
    Name_____ Region/Chapter _____
    Relationship_____
- ☐ Official High School /College **Transcript.**
- ☐ Official **Acceptance Letter** to a recognized accredited institution, or is now enrolled in such institution leading to a four-year college Bachelor's degree or completion of a two-year vocational education program.
- ☐ **Student Resume or Profile** highlighting shown active interest in the antique vehicle hobby through restoration, preservation, or ownership of such vehicles and/or active interest in AACA through participation in its programs; honors, involvement in community activities; and a clear history of community leadership in scholastic or extra-curricular activities.
- ☐ **Student Essay**
- ☐ **Student Photo**
- ☐ **Two** letters of recommendation from different AACA members who are not a close relative.
- ☐ Application submitted as one file, .pdf preferred, signed and dated by the Applicant Only.
- ☐ May be awarded only once to any individual.
- ☐ Applicant must be no more than 25 years old.

AACA Ricketts Leadership Scholarship Application

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First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:

Date of Birth (MM / DD /YYYY)	Home Address:	
City:	State / Province:	Zip / Postal Code:

Daytime/Cell Telephone:	Email:
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Grade completed:	Name and Address of School or College from which you are about to graduate:

Address while attending college or university (if different from Home Address above):

Two Letters of Recommendation from AACA Members that are not related to Applicant				
1. Full Name	Relationship	Address	Phone	Email
2. Full Name	Relationship	Address	Phone	Email

APPLICANT SIGNATURE (Must be signed by APPLICANT or be subject to disqualification)	
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AACA AUTOMOTIVE RESTORATION SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Louise Bianchi Chiotti Memorial Scholarship**
- **Hershey Region AACA Automotive Restoration Scholarship**
- **AACA Susquehannock Region Automotive Technology Scholarship**

Louise Bianchi Chiotti Memorial Scholarship

This award is granted by the AACA National Board of Directors to encourage adults to further their education and stimulate interest in AACA and automotive history. One or more awards may be presented each year.

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- Applicant AACA Member #_____, Region/Chapter_____
- Immediate Family AACA Member#_____, Name_____ Region/Chapter _____Relationship_____

☐ Official High School /College **Transcript and meets minimum GPA to apply for scholarship (3.0)**
☐ **Must be currently enrolled in a recognized accredited institution of higher learning leading to completion of a program in automotive technology and/ or restoration and has shown an active interest in the hobby of antique vehicles**
☐ Student **Resume** or Profile
☐ Student Photo
☐ **One Nomination Letter of recommendation from a facility member** from the school you are attending.
☐ Application submitted as one file, .pdf preferred, signed and dated by the Applicant Only.
☐ Applicant must be no more than 25 years old.
☐ Recipient may only receive any AACA scholarship once.

Louise Bianchi Chiotti Memorial Scholarship Application

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First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:

Date of Birth (MM / DD /YYYY)	Home Address:	
City:	State / Province:	Zip / Postal Code:

Daytime/Cell Telephone:	Email:
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Grade completed:	Name and Address of School or College from which you are about to graduate:

Address while attending college or university (if different from Home Address above):

Facility Member Nomination Letter - List the name and title of a past or present faculty member whose current letter(s) of recommendation is enclosed with this application (**ONE for Undergraduate Applicants**, TWO for Graduate Applicants). Recommendation Letters MAY be mailed separately by the faculty member(s)

- Describe in clear and concise terms with examples of the student's interest, accomplishments and

achievements relating to his/ her interest in ownership and preservation of antique vehicles and/or interest in other aspects of the antique automobile hobby.

- Discuss the student's academic performance in your class and overall achievement in school. Describe their personal characteristics and leadership qualities. Devote a few appropriate comments to the student's achievement outside of school. Information may be cited from other teachers, peers and other significant sources about the student.

1. Full Name, Title	Affiliation with Applicant	Phone	Email
2. Full Name, Title	Affiliation with Applicant	Phone	Email

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Hershey Region AACA Automotive Restoration Scholarship

This award is granted by the Hershey Region AACA to students to further their education and stimulate interest in AACA and automotive history. One or more awards may be presented each year. Selection will be made by the AACA Scholarship Award Committee, the then current President of the Hershey Region and current chair of the region education committee.

Applicant Checklist:

- ☐ **Applicant** AACA Membership. AACA Member #_____
  Region/Chapter _____
- ☐ Official High School /College **Transcript and meets minimum GPA to apply for scholarship (3.0)**
- ☐ **Currently enrolled in a recognized accredited institution leading to completion of a program in the automotive restoration field.**
- ☐ Student **Resume** or Profile
- ☐ Student Photo
- ☐ **One** letter of recommendation from different AACA members who are not a close relative.
- ☐ Application submitted as one file, .pdf preferred, signed and dated by the Applicant Only.
- ☐ Applicant must be no more than 25 years old.

Hershey Region AACA Automotive Restoration Application

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First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:

Date of Birth (MM / DD /YYYY)	Home Address:

City:	State / Province:	Zip / Postal Code:

Daytime/Cell Telephone:	Email:
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Grade completed:	Name and Address of School or College from which you are about to graduate:

Address while attending college or university (if different from Home Address above):

One Letter of Recommendation from individual unrelated to Applicant

1. Full Name	Relationship	Address	Phone	Email

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AACA Susquehannock Region Automotive Technology Scholarship

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- **Immediate Family AACA Member**#_____, Name_____
  Region/Chapter _____Relationship_____

☐ Official High School /College **Transcript and meets minimum GPA to apply for scholarship (3.0)**
☐ **Must be currently enrolled in a recognized accredited institution of higher learning leading to completion of a program in automotive technology and/ or restoration and has shown an active interest in the hobby of antique vehicles**
☐ Student **Resume** or Profile
☐ Student Photo
☐ **One Nomination Letter of recommendation from a facility member** from the school you are attending.
☐ Application submitted as one file, .pdf preferred, signed and dated by the Applicant Only.
☐ Applicant must be no more than 25 years old.
☐ Recipient may only receive any AACA scholarship once.

AACA Susquehannock Region Automotive Technology Scholarship Application *ALL Fields Required

First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:

Date of Birth (MM / DD /YYYY)	Home Address:

City:	State / Province:	Zip / Postal Code:

Daytime/Cell Telephone:	Email:
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Grade completed:	Name and Address of School or College from which you are about to graduate:

Address while attending college or university (if different from Home Address above):

Facility Member Nomination Letter - List the name and title of a past or present faculty member whose current letter of recommendation is enclosed with this application
Recommendation Letters MAY be mailed separately by the faculty member(s)

- Describe and give examples of the student's interest, accomplishments and achievements relating to his/ her interest in ownership and preservation of antique vehicles and/or interest in other aspects of the antique automobile hobby. Please describe the student in clear and concise terms.
- Discuss the student's academic performance in your class and overall achievement in school. Describe their personal characteristics and leadership qualities. Devote a few appropriate comments to the student's achievement outside of school. Information may be cited from other teachers, peers and other significant sources about the student.

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