

THE MI PUEBLITO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Mi Pueblito Scholarship honors the loving spirit and nurturing legacy of our founder's mother, who was the heart of her family and the inspiration behind the restaurant's success. This scholarship is designed to support graduating high school seniors pursuing studies in fields such as non-English language, culinary arts, immigration, hospitality, human development, or family studies—areas that embody the values of care, connection, and cultural appreciation she held dear.

We believe in uplifting the next generation, especially those who may not always be at the top of the class but demonstrate the passion, drive, and potential to make a meaningful impact in their communities. Through this scholarship, we aim to invest in students who will carry forward the values of hospitality and cultural understanding, helping to shape a brighter future for all.

Three (3) scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded to Rutherford or Cleveland County high school graduates engaged in pursuing an undergraduate degree, accreditation, or certification.

KEY DATES

Submissions Due By: Thursday, April 2, 2026

Award Recipients Selected: May 2026

To apply, complete the attached scholarship application form and submit all required materials by the deadline to **info@mipubs.com** or by mail to: **Mi Pueblito, 139 South Washington St., Rutherfordton, NC 28139**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- 1. Eligibility** — Pursuing an undergraduate degree, BA or BS degree, accreditation, or certificate through a secondary educational institution. Fields of study include (but are not limited to): hospitality, culinary arts, immigration, non-English language, human development, equine business, or family studies. Programs of less than four years are acceptable.
- 2. Service Learning** — A minimum of 20 hours of documented Service Learning Hours.
- 3. Financial Need** — Proof of FAFSA application submission.
- 4. Academic Achievement** — Transcript with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- 5. Essay** — Submit a short essay (approximately 500 words) demonstrating your interest in one of the aforementioned fields.
- 6. Application Form** — Complete and submit the scholarship application form.
- 7. Letters of Recommendation** — Obtain two Letters of Recommendation.

Note: By mid-April, the top candidates will be invited to participate in an interview with the selection committee.



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2026 Memorial Scholarship Application

Please type or print your answers. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.

Date of Application: _____

Full Name: _____

MAILING ADDRESS

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Current High School: _____

I will be attending the following school in the Fall of 2026:

Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to funds being released to the student.

I will be entering the above-mentioned school as a: (Circle one)

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ on a 4.0 scale

Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript required.

Have you taken the

ACT exam? Yes No If no, when do you plan to take the exam: _____

SAT exam? Yes No If no, when do you plan to take the exam: _____

Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) *Use reverse side of application if you need more space.*

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

What specialty/major/trade do you plan to pursue as you continue your education?

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Name of Applicant _____

List your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities: If you have participated in during high school please list when and what activities you have participated in:

List your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:

What is your religious affiliation and where do you attend:

Your application will not be considered if the following items are not attached to or uploaded with this application. (No exceptions.) The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.

- YES NO COMPLETED APPLICATION. *All questions are answered completely.*
- YES NO MOST RECENT OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS. *Photocopies of your transcript are acceptable, if transcript is signed by a guidance counselor or principal.*
- YES NO PERSONAL ESSAY. Please answer the following questions (500 words recommended):
What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?
Why should the committee select you as a scholarship recipient?
- YES NO VERIFIED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS. *Must either be documented on paper or digital with signed verification.*
- YES NO PROOF OF FAFSA APPLICATION. Submit a record of application. Do not submit the application.
- YES NO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. Have your sponsors email their letter to info@mipubs.com with the subject '2025 Scholarship Recommendation' or submit it with your application now.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Foundation's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to Anniston Community Education Foundation Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant:

_____ Date: _____

Signature of applicant's parent/guardian:

_____ Date: _____