



# Rochester Birding Association

## Young Birder Scholarship Application

### Instructions

The Rochester Birding Association's scholarship program is intended to help young birders improve their birding skills, to encourage young birders to learn more about bird behavior and ecology, and to connect Rochester young birders with a broader young birding community.

Who is eligible?

Only active youth members of RBA Young Birders are eligible to receive scholarships. There are no age restrictions for applicants beyond those of the eligible program, and applicants are eligible to receive scholarships regardless of whether they have been funded in the past.

What programs and expenses are eligible?

Eligible programs are those that help young birders learn more about birds or improve their birding skills. Such programs include birding camps, educational workshops including online webinars, young birder conferences, and professional ornithological meetings. While birding trips and festivals are valuable experiences, they are not currently eligible for scholarship funding. Applicants can request funds to support registration fees, travel, food, and lodging.

How much funding is available?

The RBA has committed \$1000/year to the scholarship program, with an annual cap of \$500/applicant.

What are the responsibilities of a scholarship recipient?

In addition to representing the RBA in a positive way by being an enthusiastic but well-behaved participant during the program, all scholarship recipients are expected to write a short article for the *Little Gull* discussing their experiences on their return. If appropriate, recipients may also be asked to make a brief presentation to RBA Young Birders.

To apply, fill out the application form. If you are requesting a scholarship of \$100 or more, include a short essay that describes why you want to participate in the program.

Applications may be filled out online at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc28Jx65-gnaLR\\_MpeNaugBowtjc3\\_A1Y\\_KcddrmTbMoBBIfA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc28Jx65-gnaLR_MpeNaugBowtjc3_A1Y_KcddrmTbMoBBIfA/viewform?usp=sf_link), or a paper application can either be returned via email to [andrea.j.patterson-AT-gmail.com](mailto:andrea.j.patterson-AT-gmail.com) or by USPS to:

Rochester Birding Association  
PO Box 92055  
1335 Jefferson Road  
Rochester NY 14692-9998.



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### Your Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preferred Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age at time of event \_\_\_\_\_ Member of RBA / RBA-YB? \_\_\_\_\_

### Camp/Event Information:

Name of Camp or Event for which you are applying for a scholarship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location of Event \_\_\_\_\_ Hosting Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date(s) of Event \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Tell the reviewers what you hope to get out of this experience. Applicants requesting \$100 or more should attach a separate page with a short essay answering this question; all others may answer here.

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### Amount Requested from RBA:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (up to \$500.00)

If there are any special financial or other circumstances that you would like us to consider when reviewing your application, please explain on a separate sheet. (All information you give is confidential.)

### Your Budget: Costs

Travel	\$
Attendance Fee	\$
Room & Board (if separate)	\$
Other Costs (please detail on separate sheet)	\$
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$</b>

### Your Budget: Funding Sources

Parents/Relatives	\$
Your Own Activities	\$
Other Scholarships applied for	\$
Other Sources (please detail on separate sheet)	\$
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Your Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Guardian's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_