



**The Youngstown Free Library &
Friends of the Youngstown Library**

Present:

The Ruby Carey Memorial Scholarship:

\$1,500.00 to assist student in the purchase of textbooks and required materials in their pursuit of higher education.

***\$750.00 from the Ruby Carey Memorial Scholarship**

***\$750.00 from the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library**

ELIGIBILITY:

***Youngstown and Town of Porter Resident**

***Attending an accredited college, community college, university or vocational school within 12 months**

***Possess a current library card in good standing from any library in the NIOGA system (Please include a photo copy of the Library Card with your application.)**

APPLICATION: available at the Lewiston-Porter Senior High Guidance Office, at the Youngstown Free Library or on the YFL Website.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: April 24, 2026

The Ruby Carey Memorial Scholarship

BACKGROUND:

Ruby Carey was a lifelong giver who donated her time and abilities to her church, community and many civic organizations while raising five children. She was an expert seamstress, was involved in organic gardening and nutrition and loved reading. Ruby helped organize the Youngstown Free Library in 1949 and became a highly valued member of the staff.

PURPOSE:

The Ruby Carey Scholarship is designed to honor a deserving graduate who demonstrated some of the attributes exhibited by Ruby Carey through achieving excellence in academics and by giving back to their community. The scholarship is awarded to help them purchase textbooks and required materials in their pursuit of higher education. The Board of Trustees of the Youngstown Free Library and the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library are honored to offer this scholarship in her name.

AWARD:

An award of \$1,500.00 will be presented to the successful candidate upon entering college or university and their name will be added to the Ruby Carey Memorial Scholarship plaque which is displayed in the Youngstown Free Library.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants must reside within the Village of Youngstown and the Town of Porter and be graduating High School during the current year.
- Applicants must have a library card in good standing from the NIOGA Library System.
- Applicants must be accepted into and attend an accredited community college, vocational school, college or university within the next twelve months.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Each applicant will be evaluated as follows:

- 70% weighted on the applicant's written responses to two short answer questions and one essay question.
- 10% on academics
- 20% on extra-curricular and community service.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- Complete the application form, short answer questions and a minimum 250-word essay.
- Please include a current copy of your high school transcript with the other documents.
- This application will only be considered when returned to the Youngstown Free Library or the Lewiston-Porter Senior High Guidance Office.

DEADLINE: April 24, 2026

RUBY CAREY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Sponsored by the Youngstown Free Library Ruby Carey Scholarship Fund
and the Friends of the Youngstown Free Library**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT: Cell _____ Email _____

AREA OF STUDY BEING PURSUED / DEGREE PROGRAM

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/TRADE SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED yes no

****ATTACH COPY OF YOUR LIBRARY CARD** yes _____

****ATTACH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT [10%]**

****PLEASE LIST ALL ACTIVITIES AND DESCRIBE YOUR ROLE IN:**

- 1) Extra-curricular activities [10%]
- 2) Volunteer and community involvement activities [10%]

****WRITTEN RESPONSE:**

- 1) Describe a book/author that made an impression and had the most influence on your life. [10%]
- 2) What's your most memorable experience of using the Youngstown Free Library? [10%]

****ESSAY QUESTION - MINIMUM 250 WORDS [50%]:**

Describe how libraries have contributed to your life in regards to:

- *Aiding you in achieving excellence in your academics
- *Formulating your career goals
- *Visualizing your future in today's global society
- *Assisting you in your leisure activities

SCORING SHEET for the RUBY CAREY SCHOLARSHIP

[Funded 2026 by the Youngstown Free Library Ruby Carey Scholarship Fund & Friends of the Library]

APPLICANT # _____

Library Card: yes_____ no_____

SCORING	10	9	8	7		POINTS
ACADEMICS 10 points	Top 10%	Top 20%	Top 30%	Passing		
EXTRACURRICULAR 10 points	Continuous MS/HS	Many throughout HS	Some throughout HS	Little or none		
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT 10 points	Several diverse throughout HS	Many throughout Jr./Sr. years	Some Sr. year	Little or none		
BOOK DESCRIPTION 10 points	Question answered, Response Specific, Essay stayed clearly on topic, Well written	Question answered, Response Specific, Essay stayed clearly on topic,	Question answered, Response Specific,	Question answered		
MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE IN USING THE LIBRARY 10 points		Question answered, Response Specific, Essay stayed clearly on topic	Question answered, Response Specific	Question answered		
SCORING	50	45	40	35		
ESSAY 50 points	Topic Development, Continuity, Format, Literary mechanics – College Level	Topic Development, Continuity, Format, Literary mechanics – Pre- College Level	Topic Development, Continuity, Format, Literary mechanics – High School Level	Topic Development, Continuity, Format, Literary mechanics – Developing Level		
TOTAL						

SCORING RUBRIC: HIGHEST POSSIBLE SCORE 100

[Numbers given are example – you may score lower than 7 or 35]