

The John & Betty MacLean Scholarship (rev. 2.6.24)

The St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island, an organization that promotes Scottish culture and heritage, thanks you for considering The John & Betty MacLean Scholarship. The John & Betty MacLean Scholarship is a one-time award of \$1,000 paid directly to the educational institution for qualified education expenses. Visit www.sasri.co/scholarship for more information.

Criteria

- Applicant must be a resident of Rhode Island and a graduating senior enrolled in school or a homeschool program.
- Applicant must plan to attend an accredited college or university.
- Scholarship money must only be used for educational expenses.
- The scholarship winner must attend a reception and read the winning essay at which time a scholarship check will be presented.

Application Process Information

- Applications must be submitted between February 15 and April 15, 2024.
- Application must be emailed to standrewssociety1923@gmail.com
- Scholarship decision will be announced in mid-May 2024 via email.
- The Scholarship Selection Committee will conduct a blind review of all applications. An application screener will collect all submitted applications and remove the application's signature page containing each applicant's identifying content. As such, please do not write your name or any other identifying content in your answers below until asked on page 4, the Signature Page.
- Questions or concerns may be emailed to standrewssociety1923@gmail.com
- All submissions will be scanned for AI

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Application Form

Applicant's Current School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

College or University you plan to attend after graduation:

What are your future career objectives?

Essay Assignment

Read and follow the instructions below for the written essay:

- Font: Times New Roman, 12-point, black plain text (not bold or italic)
Spacing: 1.5 line spacing (not double-spaced)
Margins: 1.25” (top, bottom, left and right)
Body Text: Left alignment; no indent on paragraphs, one line of space between paragraphs, 2 spaces between sentences.
Title: Write an appropriate title for your essay. Do not use “Essay” as your title.

[Note: remember to omit identifying personal information]

Choose one of the following three topics and submit a well-structured, focused essay of approximately 500 – 750 words.

1. Describe some of the potential benefits as well as the potential risks should Scotland secede from the United Kingdom.
2. Scottish Americans are particularly committed to preserving aspects of their culture. Explain whether such cultural preservation is consistent or inconsistent with America’s “melting pot” aspirations.
3. It’s been said that Robert Burns, Scotland’s poet laureate, was as much a patriot as a poet. Would you defend or refute this position, and why?

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Signature Page

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Applicant Email Address: _____

Applicant Cell Number: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Cell Number: _____

I hereby certify all statements I have made herein are correct, and I give The St. Andrew's Society of Rhode Island permission to take and use my photo should I win. (Please sign):

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

