



College Scholarship Program 2026

Charles M. Rowson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

The Charles M. Rowson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship was established in 1983 by the Orlando Runners Club in memory of one of our members, "Chuck" Rowson, who died unexpectedly at age 29. The first two scholarships totaling \$500 were presented in 1987; the ORC has provided scholarships each year since to local high school athletes, now budgeting a total of \$10,000 in 2026 for up to four students (\$2,500 per student). The Charles M. Rowson, Jr. Scholarship has become recognized as one of Central Florida's most prestigious awards given to graduating seniors with an interest in running. The winners are selected by the Club based on their academic achievements, athletic abilities, school and community involvement and financial need. Scholarships are presented each year at a Club event in late May or early June.

Scholarship Requirements (2026)

Applicants must be graduating high school seniors in Orange, Osceola, Lake, or Seminole counties. A completed scholarship application and letters of recommendation must be received by the ORC by Friday, April 3, 2026. The Rowson scholarship program is funded in part by the volunteer efforts of our club members and their families at the annual IOA Corporate 5K event in Orlando and by proceeds from our annual Race into Summer 5k. The ORC respectfully requests that all scholarship recipients and/or their families volunteer to assist with the 2026 AdventHealth Corporate 5K on April 30th.

Please complete the application below. Submit your application and the following documents to the Orlando Runners Club by **Friday, April 3, 2026**.

- Completed **application form** (use separate paper if necessary)
- **Letter of recommendation from a cross country or track coach**, outlining applicant's abilities and accomplishments. Discuss applicant's contribution to team spirit and sportsmanship and influence on the betterment of the sport of running.
- **Letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor**, discussing the applicant's contribution to academics in terms of interpersonal skills, cooperation, and leadership.
- **Signed Statement of Support** from Guidance Counselor (or parent, if home-schooled)

Name	_____	Birthdate	_____
Phone	_____	E-mail	_____
		Phone	_____
Parent(s)	_____	E-mail	_____

Send completed form and required documents by mail to:
Orlando Runners Club, PO Box 1134, Orlando, FL 32802

or by pdf/email to president@orlandorunnersclub.org

