



## **GRG R.I.S.E. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**This program is managed by Whitefish Community Foundation and will award two \$2,500 scholarships in 2026.**

### **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HISTORY:**

Headquartered in Whitefish, Montana, Glacier Restaurant Group (GRG) was formed in 2007 when four unique restaurant concepts merged, resulting in the largest restaurant company in Montana. Strong brand loyalty and a successful business model provide a tremendous opportunity for growth, both through franchising and corporate expansion.

In 2017, GRG started a scholarship program with Whitefish Community Foundation with funds provided directly by GRG, as well as funds raised through the Round It Up America program. The GRG - Restaurant Industry Scholarship Endowment (GRG - R.I.S.E. Scholarship) will award scholarships each year to eligible employees or the children or legal dependents of eligible employees.

### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

**The application deadline is March 31, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. MDT. Late applications will not be accepted.** Awards will be announced in May, 2026.

Applications must be submitted online. The online application is available during the application window by logging into Whitefish Community Foundation's scholarship portal at:

<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=wcf scholarship>.

Applicants must meet the following requirements to be eligible for scholarship consideration:

- Be a current employee of a business entity associated with the Glacier Restaurant Group R.I.S.E. Scholarship Program or have been employed by Glacier Restaurant Group within one year prior to the date of the application, OR be a child or legal dependent of an eligible employee of a business entity associated with the Glacier Restaurant – R.I.S.E. Scholarship Program. The eligible employee must be employed by the employer at the time of application.

- Have earned a high school or current college G.P.A. of 3.5 or higher (high school or college transcripts must be uploaded with application).
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a current or former teacher/professor/instructor written within two years of the application **and** a letter of recommendation from a current or former employer or community involvement supervisor written within two years of the application. (NOTE: **Letters of recommendation will be uploaded by the person providing the reference, not by the applicant. Reference providers must upload their letters by the application deadline.**)
- Three essays written by the applicant addressing the following topics:
  - Special attribute(s) or accomplishment(s) that sets applicant apart.
  - Brief description of applicant's short-term/long-term goals and how their college education pertains to those goals.
  - Description of volunteer activities in which applicant has chosen to participate, why applicant chose those particular volunteer activities, and how those experiences have affected applicant's life.
- Intend to enroll at a post-secondary educational institution in the fall of 2026 (all scholarships are paid directly to the institution upon verification of enrollment).
- Submit a completed application by the application deadline.

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