



David Robie Memorial Scholarship
Annual Scholarship Application 2026

Name: Rowan Shanti Date of Birth: January 4, 2008
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(If under 18): Name of Parent/Guardian:

Address: City: State: Zip:

Phone Number: ()

Most Recent School Attended: Mt. Blue High School Year Graduated HS: 2026

School Address: 129 Seamon Rd City: Farmington State: ME Zip: 04938

Recent School GPA: 4.0 (include copy of most recent transcript)

Name of College or Program You Plan on Attending: University of Vermont

Address: 85 S. Prospect St City: Burlington State: VT Zip: 05405

Date of Acceptance or Registration: December 18, 2025

Proof of registration/acceptance letter must be attached

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No If yes, explain:

Extra Curricular, Club, Organization, Civic, or Community Activities and Relevant Work Experience: (List all indicating any leadership/officer positions held. Use additional pages if necessary.)

National Honor Society: member (11), Vice President (12), Tri-M Music Honor Society: member (9-11), President (12), Class Officer Vice President (9-12), Theater, Franklin County Fiddlers, Interact Club, Student Representative on the School Board (11-12), Dance, Ski Instructor, Babysitter, worked at the Food Pantry, Earth Clean-Up Day

Applicant's Signature: Rowan Shanti Date: February 27, 2026

Parent or Legal Guardian must sign if applicant is under the age of 18.

By signing above you give authorization to the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce to use your name and application information for purposes of promoting the David Robie Memorial Scholarship Program.

On a separate piece of paper, please provide an essay describing: Your personal goals and aspirations after college and how your education and talents could benefit the business environment in Franklin County. (minimum 200 / maximum 300 words)

Please also attach a letter of reference from an adult non-family member.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, February 27, 2026, no later than 12 p.m.



David Robie Memorial Scholarship Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

2026 Scholarship Program Requirements

1. The purpose of the David Robie Memorial Scholarship Program is to encourage continuing and/or higher education for Franklin County residents through financial assistance.
2. Scholarships are open to any resident of Franklin County who has resided in the County for at least the prior 12 months. Individuals may be asked to show proof of having Franklin County as their principal residence for the prior 12 months. Examples of such proof are a driver's license or utility bills for a year showing a local address.
3. Scholarships may be awarded to any High School graduate (regular or home schooled) who is attending (or planning to attend) any accredited, post-secondary school. This may include recent HS graduates or older citizens returning to school. A High School equivalency test (GED) is acceptable.
4. Family members of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Board or Franklin County Chamber of Commerce employees are eligible for the scholarships. Employees and Board Members themselves are NOT eligible.
5. The Chamber will offer Scholarships to one or more individuals this year. The Scholarships may be for any post-secondary schooling providing the student attends full-time (approximately 12 credit hours/semester) or has matriculated in a degree program. Individuals may apply for a second Scholarship in a subsequent year. Individuals are limited to receiving no more than one Scholarship per 12 months and no more than two Scholarships in a lifetime. Scholarships may be used for any expense related to education including tuition, books, lab fees, and on-campus housing. There are no "major" requirements. Scholarships may be used for on-line courses if toward their degree.
6. Scholarships, although awarded in the spring, will be paid directly to the individual recipient upon successful completion of the fall semester. The student must have averaged a C or better (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) overall on all courses taken for the semester.
7. Applications will be available on-line at the Chamber website and at all local High Schools and Technical Schools. Applications can also be obtained at the Chamber office. **Applications must be submitted by Friday, February 27, no later than 12 p.m.** The applications are reviewed by the FCCOC Scholarship Committee for a recommendation to the FCCOC Board. The scholarships are awarded in early June. The award will be given at school or at a photo op with the Board. If awarded before graduation, the Scholarships are contingent on the student graduating from High School.
8. Recognizing that not all students and colleges fall neatly into the fall/spring semester schedule, the FCCOC Scholarship Committee may adjust the timing of these requirements and payments as long as the intent of the program is followed.

Applications Must Include:



1. An Application Form
2. A most recent High School or College transcript
3. An acceptance letter from the College planning to attend, if not presently a College student
4. A written reference letter from any adult non-family member
5. A release to use the applicant's name and application information in publicity
6. A minimum 200/maximum 300 word essay describing: *Your personal goals and aspirations after college and how your education and talents could benefit the business environment in Franklin County.*
7. If under the age of 18 at time of application, the application must be signed by a parent or guardian.

Logic, research, practicality, spelling, grammar, accurate word count, and neatness all count. Failure to follow the above requirements will result in disqualification.

The Scholarship Award will be primarily based on the point system below (all requirements above must be submitted before an application can be considered). It is expected that the Scholarship committee will reach consensus on the point scoring. The Committee (and the Board) may also consider other circumstances in giving the award however; "need" should not be a consideration.

1. **Previous grades**
10% (Assign points 1-10)
2. **Extracurricular activities, civic activities or relevant work experience** (*bonus points for leadership/officer positions*)
40% (Assign points 1-50)
3. **Essay**
50% (Assign points 1-40)

The Scholarship program will be reviewed annually and revised as necessary. The Board may modify these procedures and policies at any time. The Board also reserves the right to meet with a candidate when it is felt it would be necessary or appropriate to complete the decision process.

Please submit completed forms to:

Franklin County Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 123
Farmington, ME 04938

***Applications and supporting materials are due at the Franklin County Chamber Office
by Friday, February 27, 2026 no later than 12p.m.***

After college, I plan to pursue a career in Political Journalism. Journalism is such an important career, especially now, but it seems to be dying out. Physical media has almost completely disappeared, and though digital journalism still exists, it's harder and harder to find reliable news sources. Because of this, I want to go into that field, in order to push back against that. Politics have always fascinated me and to get the opportunity to work closely and learn from politicians, whether that be small-scale politics, such as a governor or school board, or larger scale, like the senate, would be incredible.

I feel as though I am a driven individual and, after college, I plan to move back to Maine, perhaps even back to Franklin County. It would be amazing if I could get an internship, or maybe even a position, at the Daily Bulldog to report on what was happening within Farmington. While pursuing my career, I would be learning every single day. That is one of the most important things to me and another reason why I'm interested in pursuing journalism. I believe this could benefit the business environment in Franklin County by spreading information throughout the county. By going into journalism, I can report on small businesses, local fundraisers, and bigger community events.



Mt. Blue High School

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Assistant Principal: Todd Demmons

Assistant Principal: Greg Henderson

Recommendation for Rowan Shanti

Rowan Shanti is one of the best and brightest that we have at Mt. Blue, and I am happy to recommend her to you as a prospective recipient of your scholarship. I first met Rowan when she was a freshman as she began tentatively joining in on some theatre activities, trying out for our student-written one act play and the spring musical, *Beauty and the Beast*. She immediately took to the stage with a presence that projected intelligence and sensitivity as well as some definite dance training and talent. Behind the scenes she wormed her way into my heart with her loyalty, her enthusiasm, and her kindness to all.

I will focus on theatre for most of this recommendation since that's how I know her best, but this year I'm fortunate enough to have Rowan as a student in AP Literature, and in class she is a constant participant, quietly but eagerly joining in the conversation, and adding valuable connections and ideas to our class. She is clear and concise in her questions, comments, and writing. Overall she is perceptive and knowledgeable in all her work, and she carries herself with a maturity and dignity that all her classmates appreciate. In fact when she came in last spring to get her summer reading, she came with a student I hadn't ever seen her with, and I commented on it. The student said, "Oh Rowan's friends with everybody!" And she is. Her easy-going and gentle way makes her a favorite of any group she's in. I've also seen her connect with students who were left out of a group in order to help them feel at ease. Her thoughtfulness and empathy are honorable.

You can imagine that all of these traits help to make her a successful actress and leader in general. This year she is the "theatre mother" of our theatre company, in charge of teaching the games and warm ups, as well as giving the pep talks before each performance, and being a liaison between the students and me. She's also taken charge of our Instagram account, posting a countdown to the fall show and lots of photos advertising it. She's also my go-to person for anything—a poster design, she created it; some paint from the Walmart, she got it. She's amazing and good and compassionate and real. I asked for her opinion about a couple of shows I was considering producing, and she subtly helped me realize what shows I should not do in this social climate. Rowan is a standout in any role she plays whether it's a small but supportive role as a foreign juror in *12 Angry Jurors*, a dancing corpse ancestor in *The Addams Family* (in which she also choreographed several pieces) or a lead role in *Alice in Wonderland*, she really digs in, asks questions, and creates a character with grace and passion not to mention memorizing (and understanding) pages and pages of dialogue. She's also not afraid to get her hands dirty. There have been more than one set building session with Rowan and I at the last minute painting set pieces or running around dressing the scenery. She commits with passion and hard work.

I know that Rowan is also a leader in our school orchestra program as well as the Franklin County Fiddlers, plus she is president of the Tri M Music Honor Society. She manages to lead all of these groups with ease and command. She has been awarded Student of the Month at Mt. Blue (I nominated her for this), and she's earned multiple "Bobby Watson" Awards for her work in our plays. These are acting and technical awards



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given for each production we do, and there have been several shows where she's earned one of each!

In short, this young woman is a catch. She is so dedicated to what she loves: her family, theatre, music, her friends, and the world! She is intelligent and diligent, excelling in academics and creative arts. She is just the sort of person who will make your campus better, and I wholeheartedly recommend her to you. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this outstanding student.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Muise
English Teacher/Theatre Director
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Home of the Cougars

A=90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 D=60-69 F=0-59

Subject	S1		S2		YR		
	GR	CR	GR	CR	GR	CR	
25-26 Mt. Blue High School							
(Gr.12) AP Art	99						
(Gr.12) AP Literature	98						
(Gr.12) Economics	100	.5					
(Gr.12) Journalism	99	.5					
(Gr.12) Orchestra	100						
(Gr.12) Protests! Social Movements in US History	100	.5					
24-25 Mt. Blue High School							
(Gr.11) AP Art	99		96		98	1	
(Gr.11) AP Language	96		94		95	1	
(Gr.11) AP US History	93		97		95	1	
(Gr.11) Chemistry CP	97		95		96	1.5	
(Gr.11) Honors Pre-Calculus	90		85		88	1	
(Gr.11) Ind Study-Orchestra	P		P		P	.5	
(Gr.11) Nutrition and Foods 11-12			100	.5			
(Gr.11) Orchestra			100		100	.5	
(Gr.11) Psychology	100	.5					
(Gr.11) Sociology	96	.5					
23-24 Mt. Blue High School							
(Gr.10) Adv Physical Fitness			100	.5			
(Gr.10) AP European History	98		98		98	1	
(Gr.10) Art for Social Justice	99	.5					
(Gr.10) Biology CP	98		96		97	1.5	
(Gr.10) Creative Writing CP			98	.5			
(Gr.10) French Street Scene			93	.5			
(Gr.10) Honors Geometry	84		87		86	1	
(Gr.10) Orchestra	100		100		100	.5	
(Gr.10) So Honors Eng	97		99		98	1	
(Gr.10) Visual Art 2D	100	.5					
22-23 Mt. Blue High School							
(Gr.9) Earth Science CP	89		88		88	1	
(Gr.9) Foundations of American Government			98	.5			
(Gr.9) Fr Honors English	96		98		97	1	
(Gr.9) French Novice Honors	93		100		97	1	
(Gr.9) Geography	98	.5					
(Gr.9) Health			100	.5			
(Gr.9) Honors Algebra II	81		83		82	1	
(Gr.9) Intro to Visual Art	100	.5					
(Gr.9) Orchestra	100		100		100	.5	
(Gr.9) Phys Ed I	98	.5					
(Gr.9) Phys Ed II			98	.5			
21-22 Mt. Blue Middle School							
(Gr.8) Algebra I CP8					88	1	

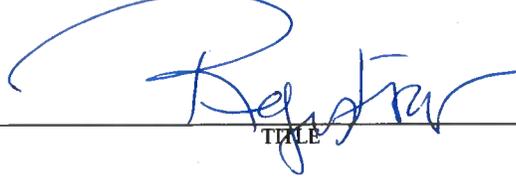
P=Passing AU=Audit
 F=Failing I=Incomplete
 WP=Withdrew Passing
 WF=Withdrew Failing

Class Rank Calculations
 AP classes are weighted at 1.08
 Honors classes are weighted 1.05

Total Units Earned: 25.50
 WEIGHTED Class Rank: 1 out of 152

Cumulative UNweighted GPA: 95.9802
 Expected Graduation Date: 2026


 SIGNATURE


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02/27/2026
 DATE