



## ROJ Traditional Scholarship Sponsor Narrative 2026

The following is a list of all **ROJ Traditional Scholarships**, including the name of the scholarship, background on the award and the preferences of the sponsor. Please keep these thoughts in mind as you are writing and posting information. Scholarships winners will be matched with the best “match” of a donor based upon these criteria. This is **not** the only evaluation tool used by the scholarship committee; however, weight is given to individuals who match some of the desired values and characteristics.



- ★ **Fred Fisher Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the Long Center Foundation)** - Mr. Fisher was the founder of the Long Center as well as one of the original founders of CFY almost 60 years ago he worked using his time and network to expand opportunities for the youth of Pinellas County through youth athletics. As a champion for underserved youth, Mr. Fisher’s priority was opening access to youth sports for all children along with basic swim skills. Values and inspiration of hard work as well as financial need and assistance are priorities in the awarding of this scholarship.



- ★ **Don Zimmer Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the Tampa Bay Rays)** - Don Zimmer was a dedicated sponsor of CFY and attended many CFY events including the infamous "Zim Roast". His 65-year professional baseball career is only surpassed by his love of family and Soot, his bride of 63 years. This scholarship is for a graduating Pinellas County baseball player who exhibited the values of the team, being a great teammate, giving your best effort each day and giving back to the community.



- ★ **David P. Montgomery Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the Philadelphia Phillies)** - The long time Managing General Partner of the Phillies, Mr. Montgomery was big supporter of CFY both personally and professionally. This scholarship is provided to a graduating Pinellas County bat and ball sport player who through their life's actions, "ran every ball out" as Mr. Montgomery did.



- ★ **Roy Halladay Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the Halladay Family Foundation)** - MLB Hall of Famer and Toronto Blue Jays and Philadelphia Phillies legend was a huge supporter of CFY and its mission. The selected student will have to demonstrate Mr. Halladay’s ability to persevere even when faced with challenges.



- ★ **Michele Smith Female Empowerment Scholarship (sponsored by Michele Smith)** - 2-time Olympic Gold Medalist, Michele Smith has broken through many barriers on her way to being one of the most decorated USA Softball players and ESPN lead analysts in women's/girl's fast pitch softball. Her relentless spirit to succeed is the motivating factor behind this award. The successful student will have demonstrated the ability to excel in areas or participate in areas which have not historically seen significant female participation.



- ★ **Michele Smith Scholarship (sponsored by Michele Smith)** - Women's fast pitch softball icon, Michele Smith is sponsoring this scholarship to a graduating Pinellas County female who has played the game of softball and utilized what she has learned in games and practice to assist with her academic journey.



- ★ **Clearwater Bullets Scholarship** - The Bullets Organization in partnership with CFY is providing this scholarship to a graduating Pinellas County Senior who during their youth was a player in good standing with the Bullets Organization. The student need not be planning to play in college. The organization is looking for someone who by being a member of the Bullets Organization has learned impactful values that will assist them on their life's journey.



- ★ **Baystar Restaurant Group Scholarship (sponsored by the Baystar Restaurant Group)** - Through the generosity of Frank Chivas this scholarship will go to a graduating Pinellas County student who can demonstrate that by receiving this scholarship, it will have a meaningful impact on opening access to college due to financial need.



- ★ **Barris Family Scholarship (sponsored by the Barris Family)** - Bob and Patti Barris are looking for an African American student with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA that has a keen sense of awareness of who they are and what they want out of life. Their ideal candidate knows that higher education is the key to economic prosperity, with sports being the underlying foundation for discipline. Higher education can change the trajectory of a person's life, but sports helped the Barrises reach their full potential. The Barris's does not only want someone who will aspire to graduate from college but will also be involved with their community. The optimal candidate will also understand that by furthering their education, they will be a participant in our beloved democracy and use their voice to vote and share the importance of those values with others.



- ★ **Congruity HR Scholarship (sponsored by Congruity HR)** - Through a partnership with Congruity HR this scholarship will go to a graduating Pinellas County student who will have a defining impact on their post-secondary educational journey.



- ★ **CGS Energy Scholarship (sponsored by CGS Energy)** - Needs based scholarship, sponsored by CGS Energy looks to provide student meaningful assistance with their educational journey. Successful applicant will need to articulate as part of their application why receiving this award will be an educational life changer for them.



- ★ **Pinellas County Sheriff Scholarship (sponsored by Sheriff Bob Gaultieri)** - Sheriff Gaultieri is looking for needs based students where receiving this award will provide significant assistance to support their educational journey and make a significant impact on positioning the student to become a productive member of society.



- ★ **KnowBe4 Scholarship (sponsored by KnowBe4)** - Through a partnership with KnowBe4 this scholarship will go to a graduating Pinellas County student which will have a defining impact on their post-secondary educational journey.



- ★ **Art and Margaret Capogna Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the Capogna Family)** - The Capogna Family is looking to assist a Clearwater area graduating high school senior on their educational journey utilizing some of the proceeds of the Art Capogna Memorial Golf Classic which is held each fall. Participation in a sport and showing leadership is a plus.



- ★ **McIntyre Family Foundation Scholarship** - The founder/owner of Ditek, Bob McIntyre and his family have a long-time commitment to the education of Pinellas County students from underserved populations. The successful student will need to demonstrate the impact of receiving this scholarship and how it helps them achieve their educational dream.



- ★ **Ferg's Sports Bar and Grill Scholarship (sponsored by the Ferguson Family)** – Through the support of the Ferguson Family this scholarship will be provided to a Pinellas County senior who is graduating from one of the St. Petersburg area high schools.



- ★ **Dealer's Auto Exchange Scholarship (sponsored by Gary and Amy Connors)** - The Connors are longtime supporters of CFY and are providing this scholarship opportunity to a graduating Pinellas County senior in need of demonstrated assistance as part of their educational journey.



- ★ **TAG Agency of Pinellas Scholarship (sponsored by Gary and Amy Connors)** - The Connors are longtime supporters of CFY and are providing this scholarship opportunity to a graduating Pinellas County senior in need of demonstrated assistance as part of their educational journey.



- ★ **Hulk Hogan (Terry Bollea) Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by the Wyndham Grand)** - WWE Hall of Famer, Legend and Clearwater native legend was a huge supporter of CFY and its mission. His unwavering support for the youth in the place he call home was something he provided with his time, treasure and knowledge. The selected student will have to demonstrate Hulkster's ability to persevere even when faced with challenges. Wrestling was always in his blood, but family was always in his heart.



- ★ **Bizco Technologies Scholarship (sponsored by Bizco Technologies)** - Through a partnership with CFY's IT provider Bizco Technologies this scholarship will go to a graduating Pinellas County student who will have a technology based interest and receiving this award will have a defining impact on their post-secondary educational journey.



- ★ **Valley Bank Scholarship (sponsored by Valley Bank)** - This needs based scholarship is sponsored by Valley Bank and they look to provide meaningful assistance to the selected student as part of their educational journey. How this award will alter the student's educational trajectory will be a key determinant in this award.



- ★ **Emmanuel Torres Memorial Scholarship (sponsored by Backwaters)** - Emmanuel Torres exemplified dedication, leadership, and service as a proud member of Clearwater High School's Marine JROTC program. His commitment to excellence and his unwavering dream of becoming a military officer reflected his deep love for our country. This scholarship honors Emmanuel's legacy by supporting a deserving JROTC student who shares his passion for education and military service. Through this award, Emmanuel's spirit of determination, hope, and imagination will live on—empowering future leaders to pursue the dream he held so dearly.