

**REVELS FAMILY REUNION
SCHOLARSHIP
CRITERIA**

See Attached Scholarship Application

The **Revels Scholarship** was established in **2003** to help our graduating high school family members pursue higher education and to acknowledge college graduates accomplishments. Each reunion, we will present scholarships to our high school graduates and acknowledge the accomplishments of our college graduates.

Criteria includes:

- Each graduate **MUST** be a descendent of at least **one** Revels family member and he or she or an immediate family member must have attended at least one (1) family reunion.
- Each graduate **MUST** have graduated after the last reunion and prior to the reunion date.
- Each graduate **MUST** complete an application and submit it to the scholarship committee by the due date. **No application will be accepted after the due date.**
- Each graduate **MUST** submit an **essay on the theme** of the Family Reunion (high school graduates only).
- Each graduate **MUST** submit an official high school transcript (can only be received via U.S. mail)
- Each graduate **must be accepted into a college, university, trade school etc.**, and **submit proof of acceptance and enrollment**
- Each graduate or an immediate family member (parent(s), grandparent(s) or brother/sister, **MUST** be present at the family reunion to accept the award.
- The amount of the award for each graduate will be based on available funds. The goal will be to award each high school graduate with a **\$250 - \$500** scholarship. A committee will review each application and determine the amount to be awarded. The committee can grant higher awards if funds are available and the reunion committee president appointed and their committee give approval.
- The Scholarship Committee may award monetary gifts for other family members that are returning to school and are seeking educational assistance as well as college graduates. This award can only be granted if funds are available and may not exceed **\$100**. The scholarship committee chair **MUST** seek authorization from the reunion president appointed and their committee to grant these awards.
- At least **20%** of scholarship funds raised **MUST** remain in the Revels Scholarship Fund at all times.
- A **picture** of the graduate should accompany each application
- All documents **may be** submitted electronically except the official high school transcript. This document **must** be sent to the address on the application.
- A confirmation will be sent upon receipt of your application. Your application cannot be considered unless ALL required documents are received by the due date.

Check List

- Application
- Letter of acceptance
- Essay
- Official Transcript (must be mailed)
- Proof of enrollment (fall schedule)

Revels High School Scholarship Application Theme - "Harboring Heritage, Anchoring Love"

Candidates eligible to apply are **June 2025** and **2026 high school graduates**. Each graduate **must** complete the following application and return it by **Tuesday, June 30, 2026** by **11:59 p.m.** The application can be submitted either electronically or via U.S. mail.

Graduate's Name: _____

Complete Address: _____

Date of graduation: _____ Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

Name of high school: _____

Name of school attending **Fall 2026**: _____
Attach letter of acceptance to application

Descendant of: _____

How many reunions have you attended? _____

Parent(s): _____

Please share at least **2-3**, community Services, and extra curricular activities that you have been involved in the last two years: _____

Will you be attending the reunion yes or no? If no, list the name of the immediate family member accepting the award on your behalf. _____

Essay Writing - To be completed by high school graduates of **2025 & 2026!** The Theme for the 2026 Revels Family Reunion is, "**Harboring, Anchoring, Love**" Your essay must focus on what the theme means to you and how it ties into your experience(s) with the Revels Family Reunion.

The format for the essay, **MUST** be at least 500 words, Times New Roman print, 12-size font, and double-spaced. The essay **MUST** be attached to the application and sent electronically to revelsscholarship@gmail.com or send via U.S. mail to Cassandra Guidry Benion - @ 17537 Prevost- Detroit, MI- 48235, no **later than Tuesday, June 30 2026**.

An **official** high school **transcript** must be sent via U.S. mail, to the address above **by Friday, July 3, 2026**. Graduates must also submit **proof of their 2026 fall schedule** prior to awarding funds.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cassandra Guidry Benion, Scholarship Chair at 734-649-3074

2026 Scholarship Committee

Cassandra Guidry-Benion, Ingrid Butler, Kimberly Neal-Brannum,
Tennille Erby, Mariah Erby, Donna Herndon, Ernestine Smith & LaVerne Wilhite

Funds will be distributed upon proof of enrollment!