



Highway 30 Cruisers Columbia County Scholarship Program



The Highway 30 Cruisers Scholarship Program supports Columbia County students who are pursuing their educational goals and planning for future careers especially those connected to the automotive industry.

Eligibility

- Graduating high school seniors in Columbia County
- Second year Columbia County students actively enrolled in an automotive related program

Students may attend a certified trade school, community college, or university of their choice.

Scholarship Awards

- Awards range from \$500 to \$1000
- **Applications must be received by April 15, 2026** - Recipients are notified in May
- Scholarships are presented in person at a Highway 30 Cruisers event in early June.

Why Automotive Technology?

The automotive industry is changing fast. Today's careers go far beyond traditional mechanics and include exciting opportunities in technology, innovation, and leadership.

An education in automotive or mechanical technology can lead to careers such as:

- Auto/Diesel Mechanic – Automation & Robotics
- Automotive Repair and diagnostics
- Engineering – Mechanical/Electronic
- Mechanical Automation or Robotics Engineering
- Industrial production management
- Machine Operations
- PLC Programming
- Welding and fabrication/CAD/CNC

With the rise of **electric and hybrid vehicles, robotics, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data analytics, and advanced engineering**, students with strong technical skills are in high demand. Transportation is constantly evolving, and automotive technology plays a key role in shaping its future.

Priority is given to students planning to enter studies related to the automotive industry

Applications Requirements

- All sections of the application must be completed in full.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered
- Applications are reviewed for clarity, spelling, grammar, and thoughtful responses
- Additional typed pages may be included if needed
- Keep a copy for your records; application materials will not be returned

To view the full list of Required Documents and Essay Questions, visit our website Hwy30Cruisers.com
Click on "About Us" – Scholarship Application

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