



Scholarship Announcement for 2026 RBI Conference

Application Deadline: February 28, 2026

Rug Braiders International's Fundraising/Scholarship Committee is offering five scholarships at \$200 each toward registration for our 2026 Conference in Seabeck, Washington, April 30 – May 3, 2026. The \$200 can be credited toward the \$495 registration only.

Scholarships are available to all RBI members who will be attending the conference except the Board of Directors and 2026 Conference Teachers. The \$200 can be credited toward the \$495 registration only.

Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced braiders are welcome to apply for the scholarship, and this includes teachers other than the 2026 Conference teachers.

TO APPLY: Write an email to the Scholarship sub-Committee Chair, Cathy Winship, at ctwinship@gmail.com answering the following questions. Each application is reviewed by the Scholarship Committee; the guild's Treasurer will handle the finances and communicate with recipients. Your application and any scholarship received are kept private.

Question #1: Why would you like to attend the 2026 RBI Conference in Seabeck, Washington?

Question #2: How would the scholarship be helpful to you?

Question #3: Which class or classes are you interested in taking?

If you receive the scholarship, you will be notified by email; you will also be notified if you do not receive one. Scholarship recipients register one day prior to most other members so that you get to pick your classes. It is important to register on that day, because the button to click for the scholarship during registration gets removed after that day.

We ask that after the conference, you write about your experience and send that to Cathy Winship. Your information will be shared with the Scholarship Committee and will help us determine what kind of scholarships we should offer in the future.

Please respond with your completed application by February 28, 2026.

Cathy Winship, Scholarship sub-Committee Chair
Yvonne Iten-Scott & Rose Robertson-Smith,
Scholarship sub-Committee members
Sherry Chilcutt, Treasurer