

**Abbeville Rotary Club Sponsored
What I Want to be and Why
2025 Criteria**

WHAT is *What I Want to be and why?* (WIWBW)

WIWBW is an Abbeville Rotary scholarship tradition started in 1949 as an essay contest.

The current value of the scholarship is \$1000.00 (\$500/semester for four (2) semesters)

WHO is eligible?

- A senior at one of the following Vermilion Parish high schools - Abbeville High, Erath High, Gueydan High, Kaplan High, North Vermilion, Vermilion Catholic)
- who has a minimum of a 3.0 GPA,
- And is a TOPS University student

HOW do I enter?

Each applicant will create a self-narrated video presentation using the following guidelines: (It is preferred that you are visible in the video presentation.)

VIDEO PRESENTATION GUIDE: (5–7-minute video presentation)

-The video should be of you presenting a slide show.

-There should be a 3-slide presentation.

-Each slide should contain a maximum of 4 bullets.

(Bullets should only be brief points that guide the presenter, NOT a paragraph of wording.)

Slide#1 – Brief introduction of who you are

Slide#2 – Describe career pursuits and the path in which to arrive

(Emphasize why you are choosing this field of study)

Slide#3 – How you envision using this field/ career to impact your community, state, or world

EVALUATION

Slide 1 - Intro – 10 pts

Slide 2 - Description and emphasis – 20 pts

Slide 3 – Community/ Social Impact – 40 pts

Presentation Skills – 30 pts

Overall presentation considerations: Poise/confidence, ability to convey ideas, fluency in speaking, voice projection, clear focus on topic, facts to support research, use of correct grammar, appropriate body language and eye contact, ability to respond with facts that show in depth of research, and leadership potential.

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How do I submit my video?

Each student interested in submitting a video will send to abbrotaryscholarship@gmail.com

NOTE: Each video must be labeled accordingly: student's last name in all caps, followed by an underscore, and the school initials in lower case.

When is the deadline to enter?

All students must submit their videos by **Friday, April 18th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.** if they wish to be considered for the scholarship. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

How is the winner selected?

A committee comprised of 3-5 Rotarians will review all videos and the winner will be contacted by **April 30th** and will be awarded the scholarship award at the Annual Rotary Club Crawfish Boil.

*The winner agrees to uphold the 3.0 GPA requirement while attending college and produce each of 2 semesters' transcripts to receive each installment. Contact Rotarian Annette Mudd for further details on how to claim your check should you be chosen.