



Jim Reilly Reformer \$5,000 Scholarship Application

Must be a college student to apply. Eligible for renewal based on academic level.
DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 9, 2026

Please type or write clearly in ink.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
 Last *First* *M.I.*

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Home address _____

(Must reside on south or west side of Chicago (includes Humboldt Park, Little Village, or Pilsen) or south suburbs of Chicagoland area**)**

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Race/Ethnicity _____ Other _____ (please specify)
(Black, Latino/Hispanic, Asian American, Asian Pacific, Native American, Caucasian, other)

Education

College or University: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

GPA: _____

Academic Year – Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, other: _____

Anticipated Graduation date/year _____

Submit an official copy of transcripts to scholarships@choosechicago.com

Essay – 500 word maximum

About Jim Reilly:

Jim was a visionary and had great passion to support Chicago becoming a world-class competitor in the ever-changing convention and tourism industries. He was also a fiercely dedicated public servant.

1. How do you currently see these key characteristics of **vision and passion** in yourself and why do you feel you should be awarded this scholarship?
2. What impact do you currently have in your sphere of influence (i.e. community, school, church, family). Why is this important to you?

Attach Resume

- Include employment history, if applicable
- Include internships (paid/unpaid) and Volunteer Experience

Supporting Materials

This application includes submission of the following materials:

- Acceptance letter to college and proof of registration
- Resume
- Transcripts to provide proof of H.S. graduation
- (2) letters of professional recommendations - **(One letter must come from a staff or faculty member)**
- Essay

A completed application and supporting materials should be submitted to scholarships@choosechicago.com

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

This application leads to the receipt of the Choose Chicago Foundation, Jim Reilly scholarship. I understand that false or misleading information in my application, interview, or Choose Chicago Student Partner records may result in forfeiting/returning the award.

I understand if I am accepted to receive this scholarship, I will complete the requirements outlined.

All funds will be distributed directly to school applicant is currently enrolled.

I also must complete skill development milestones, maintain academic good standing, integrity, good work ethic and performance, and consistently meet (or exceed) expectations as required with my mentor, the Choose Chicago Foundation and during any employment opportunities (internship, fellowship, and immersion programs).

If awarded, I agree to send the Choose Chicago Foundation a photo of myself. I also give the Choose Chicago Foundation permission to contact me in the future, use information provided in this application, my photo, and any testimonial statements in Choose Chicago's promotional and digital copy.

I am eligible to receive this scholarship up to four years, pending fulfillment of all scholarship requirements. If at any point, I do not meet the requirements, I understand, I forfeit eligibility for renewal of scholarship.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

(If applicant is under age 18, Guardian signature required)

The Choose Chicago Foundation reserves the absolute right to cancel or reject a scholarship application that it, in its sole judgment, deems inappropriate.

The Choose Chicago Foundation also reserves the right to adjust the criteria of the program in its sole judgment.