

Robin Raubenstrauch Maciak Memorial Scholarship

Robin Raubenstrauch Maciak was a 1986 graduate of McDowell High School. She was a daughter, sister, wife, mother of three beautiful children and a dear friend. In 2006, at the age of 38, Robin was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. Robin endured many treatments and surgeries in her fight against breast cancer. Through it all, she maintained a positive attitude and humorous outlook. She was an advocate for all of those diagnosed with breast cancer and was always willing to help out a member of the "sisterhood." She even started a support group for those diagnosed with breast cancer at Warren General Hospital where she had received treatment. She beat the odds and lived over three years from her diagnosis. Robin lost her valiant battle on November 23, 2009.

Linked By Pink is a local non-profit organization assisting those diagnosed with breast cancer under the age of 45. Robin was an active member of the organization. Her family asked that donations be made to Linked By Pink at the time of her passing. In memory of Robin, Linked By Pink is proud to offer a scholarship to graduating members of McDowell's Class of 2026. First Place= \$2000, Second Place=\$1,500, Third Place=\$1000

Eligibility

Applicants must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for this scholarship:

- Must have an immediate family member (Mother, father, sister, brother or self) who is a breast cancer survivor or must have lost an immediate family member (Mother, father, sister, brother) to breast cancer. Aunts and grandparents are not immediate family members. The winner and parent or guardian will need to verify that all information submitted is true.

- Must be a McDowell senior graduating in June 2026.
- Must be attending college full time starting in the fall of 2026.
- Must have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average. Winner will be required to provide a copy of their transcript.

Timeline

Submissions will be accepted from February 1 - February 29, 2026. No submissions will be accepted after February 29, 2026. Linked By Pink will not be responsible for submissions not received by email due to electronic error.

Winner will be notified no later than April 1, 2026.

Award Distribution

- The award is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship.
- The first-place winner will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$2000. The second-place winner will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1500. The third-place winner will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1000.
- Payment will be presented to the winner no later than July 1, 2026.
- The check will be made payable directly to the winner's selected college.

Selection Criteria

A selection committee of not less than 5 members will determine the winner. The winner will be based solely on essay submission without regard to financial need.

Requirements

All entries should be two pages and should be submitted as a *WORD document* (**please do not submit as PDF**).

First page will include:

Scholarship name

Student's full name, address, phone number and email address if available. Name and relationship of family member diagnosed with breast cancer. Date of diagnosis

Second page will include:

Student's essay of 500 words or less (double spaced) addressing the following statement:

“How has your family member's diagnosis affected you?”

All entries & questions can be emailed as a **WORD doc** to: Linkedbypinkscholarship@gmail.com

All entries must be received by February 29, 2026.

Winner agrees to have name and/or photo used on our website and advertising brochures. Winner's eligibility will be verified in writing by student and their parent or guardian. Winner will provide copy of high school transcript.

All submissions will become the property of Linked By Pink and will not be returned. Scholarship winners will be excluded from winning any other Linked By Pink scholarships.

Members of Linked By Pink's Board of Directors and their family members are not eligible for this scholarship.