



# The Meg Votta Memorial Scholarship



**Education Level**  
**High School Senior**



**Amount**  
**\$1,250**



**Minimum HS GPA**  
**2.5/4.0**



**Scholarships Awarded**  
**2**

## Who is Eligible

The Meg Votta Scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors with a minimum 2.5 GPA who demonstrate financial need and plan to attend an accredited four-year college or university with a recognized rugby program in Fall 2026. Awards go to one male and one female applicant who best express what rugby has meant to them and how it supports their educational goals. Funds may be used for tuition, books, or fees.

## Apply Now!



[www.usrugbyfoundation.org/  
college-scholarships](http://www.usrugbyfoundation.org/college-scholarships)

## Scholarship Process Timeline

- May 1st** ● Applications Open
- August 31st** ● Applications Close
- Fall Semester** ● Review Applications
- Spring Semester** ● Check applicant's college attendance and rugby participation. Award scholarship.

# About the Scholarship



## Meg Votta

Margaret “Meg” Votta was a beloved member of the rugby community whose passion, grit, and generosity left a lasting impact. A Hamilton College graduate, Meg began her rugby journey with the Cornell Medical Women’s Rugby Football Club, which eventually evolved into the Gotham City Women’s RFC and later the New York Rugby Club (NYRC). She is believed to be the only woman to have proudly worn all three jerseys.

Meg passed away in November 2009 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer, and the legacy she built within the sport continues to inspire players today.

## The Scholarship

The Meg Votta Memorial Scholarship Program was created in 2010 to honor Meg’s memory and carry forward her belief in education, opportunity, and community. The scholarship supports high school rugby players who demonstrate dedication to both their sport and their academic goals. Each year, the U.S. Rugby Foundation awards one male and one female student with a \$1,250 scholarship to assist with tuition, books, or fees as they pursue higher education.

The program is designed to recognize student-athletes who embody the values Meg represented—leadership, perseverance, passion for rugby, and a commitment to personal growth.

Through this scholarship, Meg’s influence lives on, empowering the next generation of rugby players to advance their education while staying connected to the sport she loved so deeply.



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