



PRESS RELEASE (July 31, 2025)
Rebuilding Their Future Foundation, Inc.
Notice of 2025 Scholarship Awards

The Board of Directors of the Rebuilding Their Future Foundation (RTFF) has announced the recipients of its 2025 Scholarship Awards: Olivia Buss of Staten Island, New York, a previous RTFF Scholarship recipient, and Joseph G. Aliotta of Kinnelon, New Jersey. Each student has been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship in recognition of their academic achievements, leadership, and commitment to their educational goals (photos and biographical sketches of the scholarship recipients are included below). RTFF Board President Michael Trevits said, "Our foundation is pleased to award scholarships to both Olivia and Joseph and extends its best wishes for their continued success in their educational endeavors." Trevits also expressed appreciation for the Foundation's supporters, stating, "The Foundation Board is deeply grateful for the generous support of our donors, whose contributions help sustain and grow our scholarship program. Their generosity enables us to invest in the education and future success of deserving students."

The Rebuilding Their Future Foundation (RTFF) is a nonprofit organization established in 2018 to provide educational scholarships to surviving family members of mine rescue team members, firefighters, and other emergency first responders who have died or become severely disabled in the line of duty. The Foundation supports educational achievement at the secondary, vocational, technical, and collegiate levels.

Biographies of the 2025 RTFF Scholarship Award Winners



Olivia N. Buss is a 2023 graduate of Notre Dame Academy High School in Staten Island, New York. She is currently attending Fairfield University, where she is enrolled in the Magis Scholars Nursing Program and is pursuing her lifelong goal of becoming a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) nurse. Olivia has been surrounded by healthcare professionals throughout her life, inspiring her passion for nursing at an early age. During high school, she pursued numerous opportunities to prepare for a career in healthcare, including lifeguard training, CPR and emergency response certifications, and volunteer service at Staten Island University Hospital.

This past summer, Olivia completed an outstanding internship at NYU Langone Medical Center, where she shadowed a registered nurse, attended healthcare lectures, and met with professionals from a variety of medical disciplines. During the spring semester of her sophomore year, she completed her first mental health clinical rotation as part of her nursing education. She is also on track to complete a minor in Psychology, which she believes will strengthen her ability to provide compassionate, patient-centered care. To help offset her

educational expenses, Olivia has worked at Fairfield University's Recreation Center. Her dedication and leadership earned her a promotion to supervisor in Fall 2024. Although the cost of higher education continues to rise, Olivia remains committed to achieving academic excellence and preparing to provide the highest quality of care throughout her nursing career. She has maintained her standing in the Magis Scholars Honors Program through four semesters of undergraduate study and is dedicated to completing the program's rigorous coursework to enhance her education and professional development. Following graduation, Olivia plans to pursue graduate studies to become a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP), allowing her to fulfill her dream of providing specialized care to critically ill newborns and their families.



Joseph G. Aliotta is a 2025 graduate of Kinnelon High School, Kinnelon, NJ. Joseph is enrolled as a Freshman at the John Martinson Honors College of Purdue University. Joseph has a strong high school academic record while taking rigorous coursework including multiple AP, dual enrollment, and honors classes, Joseph has earned distinctions such as the AP Scholar Award and membership in several honor societies. He has demonstrated leadership as President of the Business Honors Society, Vice President of the National Honors Society, and Co-President of the Environmental Club. Joseph is also active in community service, volunteering at Our Lady of The Magnificat Church and participating in initiatives supporting veterans, the homeless, and mental health awareness. Joseph's interests include tennis, ceramics, skiing, biking, basketball, and volleyball, reflecting his well-rounded and community-oriented character. At John Martinson Honors College, Joseph plans to study Business to pursue a better understanding of the business world. This includes comprehending complex problems and strengthening his analytical skill set.

About Rebuilding Their Future Foundation

Founded in 2018, the Rebuilding Their Future Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational scholarships to surviving family members of mine rescue team members, firefighters, and other emergency first responders who have died or become severely disabled in the line of duty and are no longer able to perform their job responsibilities.

The Foundation's mission is rooted in the belief that educational opportunities can help transform the future of families recovering from the devastating loss or disabling injury of a loved one who dedicated their life to helping others. RTFF awards scholarships supporting secondary and post-secondary education, including high school completion programs, vocational and technical training, and degree programs at accredited colleges and universities. Through the generosity of its donors, RTFF continues to invest in the educational goals and future success of deserving individuals whose families have sacrificed in service to their communities. For additional information about the Foundation, please visit <https://rebuildingtheirfuturefoundationinc.org>