In 1998 Carolyn took a leap of faith and quit her full-time job to follow a dream. She was appalled that area high school dropout rates exceeded 50%. Her friend, former Ohio First Lady Hope Taft, suggested Carolyn look at a program in Dayton that was aligned with AmeriCorps and YouthBuild USA. That model focused on those youth who had not found success in standard educational settings. Carolyn hoped it was a model that would help Stark County dropouts and committed to spending a year as an intern at the Dayton organization.

When she returned to Canton, Project REBUILD was born. She worked out of her home for a couple of years, slowly building the program to what it is today. The mission of Project REBUILD is to re-engage young adults to create pathways to academic, professional, and leadership opportunities while providing them with the skills and support to set them up for lifelong success.

Since the beginning, Project REBUILD as a YouthBuild USA Affiliate has focused on “building” the lives of young people and providing them the tools to become successful. In 2010 the “Building a Future” Scholarship Fund was created to provide another means towards success.
“BUILDING A FUTURE” SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Application Procedures:

To be considered for the scholarship, the following must apply:

- Applicant must be a current or former participant of the Project REBUILD, Inc.
  Construction Training Program
- Applicant must have successfully completed a minimum of one semester or
  quarter at a college, tech/trade school, or university
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the college or university applicant
  attends
- The application package must include the following attachments
  - Two letters of recommendation (teachers, clergy, mentors, job supervisors,
    etc.). The letters should include the writer’s contact information for
    verification and follow-up. (current Project REBUILD staff are not eligible to
    write letters of recommendations)
  - Academic transcript or current grades of the most recent completed
    semester/quarter

Scholarship Amount = $500 paid directly to the institution

Application Deadlines:

- Applications are due by May 10th of each calendar year, with an announcement no
  later than June 30th.
- Applications are due by November 10th of each calendar year, with an
  announcement no later than December 31st.

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE
APPLICATION DEADLINES

Mail completed form and all attachments to:

Project REBUILD, Inc.
406 Shorb Ave NW
Canton, OH 44703
ATTN: Scholarship Selection Committee
I. Personal Information

Name:

Last Name: ________________________ First Name: _____________________ MI: _____

Last Name while attending Project REBUILD (if different):
____________________________________________________________

Current Address:
Street ______________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State ___________ Zip _________
E-Mail Address ______________________________________________
Phone ________________________________

Permanent Address (if different):
Street ______________________________________________________
City ___________________________ State ________ Zip _________
E-Mail Address _____________________________________________
Phone ________________________________

II. Academic History

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III. Activities, interests, and goals:

1. List extracurricular, public service, and/or community activities:

2. List any awards, scholarships, and/or special recognitions received:
3. Discuss your educational and career goals and how this scholarship would help you achieve these goals.
4. The scholarship will be awarded in part based on financial need. While a formal financial aid form is not required, please explain any circumstances that make financial support a particular concern.
5. Application for this scholarship is open to any former Project REBUILD / YouthBuild Program participant. Please explain how your experience with Project REBUILD has impacted your life and your goals.

VI. Signature

I certify that the information I have given in this application and its attachments is correct to the best of my knowledge and understand that any false or misleading answer may be grounds to disqualify me from participation in the scholarship program.

Signature: ________________________________ Date: ____________