



THE ROTARY SATELLITE CLUB OF SOUTH LAKE COUNTY
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
School Year 2024-2025
Application Deadline
Monday, April 28th by 3:30pm

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of this scholarship is to inspire and support students in pursuing post-high school education, whether through college, a trade program, certification, or apprenticeship. We aim to encourage individuals to follow their passions in the trades, arts, or other meaningful careers that empower them to contribute to their communities. This scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to students who demonstrate both financial need and dedication, helping them achieve their goals and make a positive impact on the world around them.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT

The club will select four recipients in the amount of \$500 each.

ARTS Scholarship One award is designated to a student pursuing a career in the Arts.

TRADES Scholarship Two awards will be designated to applicants pursuing a career in the trades.

HUMANITARIAN Scholarship One award is designated to an applicant pursuing a career or higher education with the goal "to give back."

ELIGIBILITY

1. Graduating Senior within Middletown Unified School District.
2. Candidates must possess a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
3. Applicants must also show the need for financial assistance in pursuing their goals.
4. Applicants must demonstrate a desire to give back, in alignment with Rotary's motto "Service Above Self."
5. Applicants intend to pursue higher education or certification/apprenticeship immediately after graduation.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applicants must submit their application packet to their school counselor by Monday April 28, 3:30pm, to be considered.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must submit the following to be considered:

1. Formal application (see application form attached) or Resume in lieu of the application.



2. Financial Need Statement or a screenshot of the applicants Student Aid Index found on the FAFSA Submission Summary.
3. Personal Statement, (double spaced, 2 pages Max).
4. At least two letters of recommendation, preferably from teachers, counselors, school administrators, or local leaders.
5. Copy of most recent transcript.

REVIEW AND INTERVIEW

1. The Rotary Satellite Club of South Lake County will review all applications. After a thorough review and assessment of each candidate's application, the Scholarship Committee will select finalists.
2. In the sole discretion of the committee, candidates will be contacted for an interview (which may be conducted in person or video conference) prior to final selection.

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

1. Scholarships will be awarded during MUSD's Senior Awards Night on May 29th.

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APPLICATION FORM

Please attach this application form if you are not submitting a resume.

Applicants Full Name:

Name of the school where you are currently enrolled:

Grade:

GPA:

Applicants Residential Address:

Mailing Address:

E-mail:

Contact number:

Secondary contact Number:

Father or Legal Guardian's Full Name:

Mother or Legal Guardian's Full Name:

Reference #1 Name:

Contact Information:

Source:

Reference #2 Name:

Contact Information:

Source:

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FINANCIAL NEED STATEMENT

Applicants may complete this form in addition to or in lieu of a screenshot of their Student Aid Index found on the FAFSA Submission Summary.

What are your available options for financial support? How do you intend to use the scholarship funds to pursue your goal? Are there financial barriers you are experiencing that sets you apart from other applicants?

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Provide a personal statement to give Rotarians a sense of who you are, your goals, and how you qualify for the scholarship opportunities. You may submit a separate sheet of paper in lieu of this form. (2 pages double spaced, max).

Scholarship Application Grading Rubric

Total Possible Points: 20

Criteria	Excellent (5 pts)	Good (4 pts)	Fair (3 pts)	Needs Improvement (1-2 pts)	Not Met (0 pts)	Score
1. GPA Requirement (Minimum 3.0)	GPA is 3.5 or higher.	GPA is 3.3 – 3.49.	GPA is 3.0 – 3.29.	GPA is below 3.0 but with extenuating circumstances.	GPA is below 3.0 with no justification.	___/5
2. Financial Need	Clearly demonstrates financial need with strong explanation and/or documentation.	Demonstrates financial need with some explanation or supporting details.	Mentions financial need but lacks strong support.	Financial need is unclear or not well explained.	No mention of financial need.	___/5
3. Commitment to Service ("Service Above Self")	Strong evidence of community service and leadership, demonstrating significant impact.	Good evidence of community service with notable effort.	Some community service experience but limited involvement.	Minimal service experience with little detail or impact.	No demonstrated commitment to service.	___/5
4. Post-Graduation Intentions	Clear and specific plan for higher education, certification, or apprenticeship immediately after graduation.	Plans to continue education but details are somewhat vague.	Expresses intent but lacks clarity or certainty.	Unclear or inconsistent post-graduation plans.	No intent stated for further education or training.	___/5

Final Score: ____ / 20

Scoring Guide:

- **17-20 points** – Strong candidate; highly recommended for scholarship.
- **13-16 points** – Good candidate; recommended for scholarship.
- **9-12 points** – Fair candidate; may be considered based on available funds.
- **5-8 points** – Weak candidate; unlikely to be awarded.
- **0-4 points** – Does not meet scholarship requirements.