

2020-2021

ROTARY CLUB OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE SCHOLARSHIP

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Rotary Club of Wilmington, Delaware, offers academic scholarships of up to \$3,500 per year to students who are about to enter their freshman year of post-secondary education (whether a trade school, community college, or 2- or 4-year college). Scholarships will be renewed automatically if the student fulfills his or her academic requirements. No student will be funded for more than four years.

It is Rotary's goal to support individuals who will become civic leaders in their field and community, reflecting **Rotary International's Four Way Test:**

Of the things we think, say or do:

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

DUE DATE AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

In order to be considered for an award beginning in the Fall of this coming academic year, applicants must submit a completed application, including all required attachments to the Rotary Club of Wilmington by **Monday, April 19, 2021 at 5:00pm**

E-mail is the Preferred Delivery Method:

Please submit the complete application and all attachments with the name of the student in the email subject line (e.g., "Scholarship Application for John Q Smith") to: scholarships@rotarywilmington.org

If emailing is not possible, please mail complete application to Scholarship Committee, Rotary Club of Wilmington, P. O. Box 685, Wilmington, DE 19899 OR deliver to the Rotary Office, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 1006, Wilmington, DE.

Phone: 302-655-6025

Assistance in completing this application is available! Call either John Newlin (302-668-8711) or Sue Hastings (302-655-6025).

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration, the applicant *must be*:

- a citizen of the United States and resident of New Castle County; with preference given to students residing in the City of Wilmington;
- a high school senior attending a public or private school in New Castle County, or being home-schooled in New Castle County;
- formally admitted and committed to a public or private school of higher education for the upcoming academic year, including trade schools. It is *not* required that the school be located in Delaware or be a 2 or 4-year program.

****Children of Rotary Club of Wilmington members are not eligible to apply.**

SELECTION CRITERIA

In selecting award winners, the Scholarship Committee will consider the following factors:

- service to the community over and above requirements for school credit, including volunteerism, caregiving and/or employment.
- financial need based on family income and on the financial aid package provided by the school;
- participation and leadership roles in extracurricular activities;
- academic achievement in the form of high school grades, SAT scores, honors and awards, and other evidence of scholarly excellence;

PROCEDURES OF THE COMMITTEE

Scholarship Committee members will assess the completed applications in accordance with the criteria listed above.

Up to 10 finalists will be invited for interviews with the committee between 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 26 or Thursday, May 27, 2021.** (Due to COVID, these may be remote via teleconference or videoconference).

Following the interviews, award winners will be selected.

When the process is complete, award winners will be notified by telephone and mail that they have been awarded a scholarship. These letters should arrive on or **before June 7, 2021.**

If you have any questions or would like to request additional copies of the announcement or application form, please call the Rotary Club Office (302) 655-6025.

You may access a copy of this application on our WEBSITE. The address is: www.rotarywilmington.org.

ROTARY CLUB OF WILMINGTON COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

The application form and all materials submitted with it will be seen only by the Rotary Executive and the Scholarship Committee. Please obscure Social Security Numbers on any required document. In addition to the completed application form, the following attachments must be submitted by the due date:

- a transcript of the applicant's academic record;
- a copy of the applicant's SAT scores;
- at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher or other school official that includes an evaluation of the applicant's potential for leadership and scholastic achievements
- an essay or link to video essay based on the Rotary Four Way Test (see Section F, below)
- the Student Aid Report (SAR) that is produced after completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- the letter provided by the financial officer of the admitting college or university detailing the financial package being offered to the applicant;
- (OPTIONAL) statement written by a mentor, parent, guardian or an adult who has that is familiar with that applicant and would like to share what the committee should consider

FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

Download and save the Scholarship Application to your computer. Fill out using Adobe Reader. The fields outlined in red are required fields. If you do not have any information for a required field, type "NA." You may type your name in the signature line and email the application without printing **OR** you can print, sign, scan and email. We prefer that you send the form with all requested information in ONE ATTACHMENT via email to scholarships@rotarywilmington.org by the **due date of April 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**

Any questions you have regarding the application should be directed to John Newlin (302-668-8711), Sue Hastings (302-665-6025), or by email to: scholarships@rotarywilmington.org.

SECTION A: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Unless otherwise indicated, all questions must be answered in full. Any questions you have in preparing your application can be directed to scholarships@rotarywilmington.org.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Name

Street Address

City

State

ZIP

Telephone Number

Email Address

Current High School

Grade Point Average Fall 2020 (must correspond to GPA on transcript)

SAT Scores

Mathematics

Verbal

Writing

Community Service Activities

Extracurricular Activities and/or Employment

Academic Awards, Honors, and Honor Societies

SECTION B: College Costs

College or University the Applicant Will Attend:

Street Address:

City:

State:

ZIP:

College Major:

Second Major or Minor (if any):

Name/Contact (if any) at College Financial Aid
Office:

Cost of attendance for upcoming academic year (as noted in the Financial Award Letter):

Note: Rotary scholarships are intended to defray direct instructional costs and basic living expenses. They cannot be used to cover supplemental expenses, such as parking permits, single-occupancy room supplements, or travel between campus and home.

Section D: GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN 1

Name of Parent or Guardian:

Address (if different from applicant's):

Telephone Number (if different from applicant's):

E-mail:

PARENT/GUARDIAN 2 (optional)

Name of Parent or Guardian:

Address (if different from applicant's):

Telephone Number (if different from applicant's):

E-mail:

SECTION E:

Statement by mentor, parent, guardian or an adult who is familiar with the applicant, providing any additional information about the student that Rotary should consider (OPTIONAL)

Parent/Guidance Counselor/Mentor Name:

Relationship to Student:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

In the space below please say anything you think would be helpful about the applicant's, community service, motivation, potential, character, academic achievements or financial need. You may also cut and paste your comments from another document to this space, below.

SECTION F: APPLICANT'S ESSAY

Rotary members are committed to a set of values called the "Four Way Test." Please choose one of the following questions that address the Four Way Test, as the basis for your essay or video. Essays are limited to 500 words and videos to three minutes. **If producing a video, please provide a link to watch the video on You Tube.**

Four Way Test: Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Please choose one or more of the following to explore in your essay or video:

Is telling the truth always the best course of action? If not, why?

How do you determine fairness?

What can be achieved through good will?

How do you ensure that people are treated equally?

Enter essay in the space below (continues on next page) OR attach as a separate document.

SECTION G: REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

The following items must be scanned and attached to the email with your completed application.
Applications without these attachments will not be considered.

1) Letter(s) of Recommendation

Applicants must include at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher or other school official that includes an evaluation of the applicant’s achievements, potential for leadership and contributing citizenship. This letter should be included with the student’s application package. Students may want to share information about scholarships from the Rotary Club of Wilmington with the person who will be making the recommendation.

2) Academic Transcript

3) Copy of SAT scores

4) Student Aid Report (**SAR**) from FAFSA

5) Letter from College Financial Officer detailing the financial package offered

CERTIFICATION:

We hereby certify that the information supplied herein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Signatures may be typed. I acknowledge that typing my name here constitutes a legal signature confirming that I acknowledge and warrant the truthfulness of the information provided in this document.

Applicant’s Signature:

Signature of Parent or Guardian:

Signature of Parent or Guardian 2 (optional):

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION, INCLUDING ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS, BY 5:00 P.M., Monday, APRIL 19, 2021

Please direct any questions to John Newlin (302-668-8711), Sue Hastings (302-665-6025), or: scholarships@rotarywilmington.org

Emailed applications should include the name of the student in the subject line.