

Santa Cruz Rotary Endowment Scholarship Application Fall 2021

The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz wishes to encourage young people who exemplify Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" to pursue higher education. Students who reside in Santa Cruz County and are graduating from Santa Cruz High School, Harbor High School, Pacific Collegiate, Delta and Costanoa are eligible to apply for the Rotary Scholarship.

Applications with attachments must be completed by the applicant and filed with the respective scholarship counselors by **5pm Friday March 12th**. The selection committee will only consider applications that reflect excellent service to his or her school or community. Academic performance is very important and should reflect a GPA greater than 3.3 from applicants from Santa Cruz, Harbor and Pacific Collegiate High Schools. For Delta and Costanoa schools the academic performance must be evaluated by the counselor as to the ability of the applicant to move forward successfully to a 2 or 4 year college or university for an academic degree. Vocational scholarships are separately considered by Santa Cruz Rotary. Applicants will only be considered if they plan to enroll in college for the Fall 2021 term.

Interviews for finalists will take place **Monday April 26th, Tuesday April 27th and Wednesday April 28th** to discuss academic goals and community service. Awards to selected applicants will be made in early May and selected scholars will be asked to attend the Rotary luncheon meeting on **May 21st** along with their scholarship counselors (In person or a Zoom video). Awards will be made between \$500 and \$5000 depending upon the candidate's performance and financial need. If the selected scholars progress successfully in their first year they are eligible to be considered for a second year scholarship.

All applicants must provide the following information on their completed application.

1. School name and school counselor.
2. Contact Information:
 - Name & Email address
 - Permanent address, street, city, zip code
 - Phone number both home and cell numbers
 - Picture or photo of applicant
3. High School transcript showing completed courses, grades, GPA, AP courses.
4. SAT and/or ACT scores
5. Schools applied to in order of preference and planned major course of study.
6. List of scholarships applied for and amount awarded if applicable.
7. Parents and applicant's confidential financial statement along with the page 1 & 2 of Form 1040 of the Individual Income Tax Return with the SSN blanked out.
8. A maximum 500 word letter which reflects the importance of receiving the Rotary Scholarship and how it will help the applicant achieve their career and community service goal and how their extracurricular activities, community service and dreams for the future demonstrate "service above self"
9. Two letters of recommendation. One from a teacher who can evaluate the applicant's academic performance. The second from a person who can evaluate the applicant's service and leadership abilities.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the Rotary representative for your school or Richard Beach at 831-239-4449.

School: _____ School Counselor: _____

Applicant's Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Current GPA: _____ Wt _____ Scores: SAT: _____ ACT: _____

College/University/Technical School applied to in priority order and note if accepted.

1. _____ 2. _____

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Major course of study planned: _____

List other scholarships applied for and amount awarded:

1.

2.

3.

Letter 1: Importance of the Rotary Scholarship: Attached

Letter 2 from a teacher who can evaluate academic performance: Attached

Letter 3 from a person who can evaluate service and leadership qualities: Attached

Parents and students confidential financial statement (Include page 1 & 2 of Form 1040, blank out SSN):

Parent 1:

Parent 2:

Name: _____ Age _____ Name: _____ Age _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____ Years: _____ Years: _____

Position: _____

Gross Income: \$ _____ \$ _____

Estimated educational expense for freshman year: \$ _____

Total Parents contribution: \$ _____ Applicant contribution: \$ _____

Other family members in college Y/N: _____ School: _____

Parent's Authorization: We have checked this form for omissions and errors. To the best of our knowledge, the information is complete and correct. The information provided is for the sole purpose of determining financial need for the scholarship and is used solely for that purpose.

Parents' Signature: _____ **Date:** _____