

Santa Cruz Rotary Endowment Academic Scholarship Application Fall 24

The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz wishes to encourage young people to pursue higher education. Rotary's motto is "**Service above self**" and we are looking for applicants who exemplify this through their service to our community. Students who reside in Santa Cruz County and are graduating from Santa Cruz High School, Harbor High School, Pacific Collegiate, Kirby, Delta and Costanoa are eligible to apply for a Santa Cruz Rotary Scholarship. In addition, Students who are enrolled at UCSC and are active members of the UCSC student branch of Rotaract are eligible to apply for an academic scholarship.

Applications with attachments must be completed by the applicant and filed with their respective scholarship counselors by **5pm Friday March 15, 2024**. The selection committee will consider applicants that reflect excellent service to their school or community. Academic performance is also very important and should reflect a GPA greater than 3.3 for applicants from Santa Cruz, Harbor, Pacific Collegiate and Kirby High Schools and UCSC. 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. Applicants will only be considered if they plan to enroll in college for the **Fall 2024** term.

Interviews with the selection committee will take place **April 15th, 16th, & 17th** for finalists 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 17th** along with their scholarship counselors. Award amounts range 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:

1. Completed application (attached)
2. High School transcript showing completed courses, grades, GPA, AP courses
3. Page 1 & 2 of Form 1040 of parent's Individual Income Tax Return with the SSN blanked out.
4. A maximum 500-word letter which reflects the importance of receiving a Rotary Scholarship and how it will help the applicant achieve their career and community service goals and how their extracurricular activities, community service and dreams for the future demonstrate "**service above self**"
5. 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 Santa Cruz Rotary representative for your school or **Richard Beach at 831-239-4449, Email: RealtorBeach@gmail.com**

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School: _____ School Counselor: _____

Applicant's Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Current GPA: _____ WT: _____ Optional Scores: SAT: _____ ACT: _____

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

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Major course of study planned: _____

List other scholarships applied for and amount awarded:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

- Letter 1: Importance of the Rotary Scholarship: (Please Attach)
- Letter 2 from a teacher who can evaluate academic performance: (Please Attach)
- Letter 3 from a person who can evaluate service and leadership qualities: (Please Attach)

Parents and Students' Confidential Financial Statement Information (include page 1,2 Form 1040, blank out SSN)

Name: _____ Age _____ Name: _____ Age _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Employer: _____ Years: _____ Employer: _____ Years: _____

Position: _____ Position: _____

Gross Income: \$ _____ 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: _____