



Vancouver Rotary Foundation 2016-17 Scholarship Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in Rotary Scholarships. We look forward to receiving applications from students who are looking toward beginning or continuing their higher education in the states of Washington or Oregon.

Schedule of Dates:

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| February 9, 2017 | APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applications must be RECEIVED by 5:00 pm on this date. |
| March 15, 2017 | Finalists will be selected and notified. |
| April 18, 2017 | INTERVIEWS (Fort Vancouver Regional Library Headquarters) Finalist interviews will be scheduled between 12-5pm and are mandatory on this date. Everyone will be notified of the outcome within 24 hours of their interview. |
| May 2, 2017 | Deadline to decline award. |
| May 24, 2017 | Scholarship Award Luncheon, Noon (Warehouse 23 Restaurant). |
| July 3, 2017 | Distribution of funds will be made directly to your school as requests are received. Distributions are made through the Vancouver School District Foundation. Scholarships not claimed in one year will be forfeited. |
| July 1, 2018 | Expiration date for unclaimed Scholarships (unclaimed scholarships are forfeited). |

Completed applications can be mailed to:
Dr. Steven Webb
P.O. Box 8937
Vancouver, WA 98668-8937

Or delivered to:
Dr. Steven Webb
2901 Falk Road
Vancouver, WA

You are reminded that Vancouver Rotary Scholarship proceeds must be used for education within the States of Washington and Oregon. Scholarships that are given for study at WSU-Vancouver or Clark College can be used only at that school. If a recipient decides to attend a school outside of either Washington or Oregon, we must be notified as soon as possible.

Questions can be addressed to the co-chairs of the Scholarship Committee:
Dr. Al Bernstein 360-693-8439 Bruce Ziegman 360-713-3766



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Rotary International is a service organization of business and professional men and women united worldwide to conduct humanitarian projects, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and work toward world understanding and peace.

The general objectives of Rotary Clubs in every country are the same - the development of friendship and understanding among the business and professional people of the community, the promotion of high standards in business and professional practices, and the advancement of international understanding. Rotary Clubs have one basic ideal - the "ideal of service" which embodies thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others.

Since 1925 the Vancouver Rotary Club has made continuous contributions to the community and its citizens, both as a club and through the individual good deeds of its members. Worldwide, over 1.2 million members in over 30,000 Rotary clubs in more than 160 countries participate in Rotary International.

With the motto of "Service Above Self", Rotarians develop projects to deal with the critical issues of today. Among those issues are children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. Rotarians also support programs to work with youth and provide educational opportunities, international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development programs.

The Vancouver Rotary Foundation has granted over \$2.6 million to the Vancouver community, with emphasis on youth programs, since 1973. Programs such as college scholarships, international exchanges, lunch buddies, and support for local food banks and other community service and charitable organizations, are funded by the men and women of Rotary.

The flagship fundraising effort of the Vancouver Rotary Club is the annual Festival of Trees, held annually each weekend following Thanksgiving. This outstanding community event brings together thousands of local citizens to kick off the holiday season and contribute to the philanthropic programs of the Vancouver Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a separate foundation which contributes approximately \$20 million in graduate scholarships and group study exchanges each year to promote international understanding. It is a major worldwide sponsor of Polio Plus, the effort to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. You may wish to submit a separate request for a scholarship from Rotary International.

For more information about the Vancouver Rotary Club, see our website at www.vancouverrotaryclub.org. For more information about Rotary International, their website is www.rotary.org.



Vancouver Rotary Foundation 2016-17 Application Instructions

Anticipated Scholarships

(The number of scholarships, dollar amounts and distribution are approximate and subject to change based on fund availability at the time of award, and the number of applicants/school):

- Twelve scholarships of \$4,000 each to graduating seniors at Vancouver School District High Schools.
- One scholarship of \$4,000 to a La Center High School graduating senior.
- Four scholarships of \$4,000 to returning or graduating Clark College students.
- Four scholarships of \$4,000 to current WSU-Vancouver graduate and undergraduate students.

Scholarships opportunities are made possible by: The Garrison, Elizabeth Rose, and Robert H. Bedrossian Family Fund Scholarships, and the Vancouver Rotary Foundation.

Eligibility:

- Vancouver School District and La Center School District graduating seniors. Skills Center seniors who have a Vancouver School District home school. Washington State University students presently enrolled at the Vancouver Campus. Clark College returning or graduating students. Eligibility is based on school attended, not home address.
- Students who received a Rotary scholarship last year may not apply. A Rotary scholarship cannot be received in consecutive years.
- Scholarships must be used to attend a vocational school (a for-profit school that trains students for specific careers), college or university within the states of Washington or Oregon.

Requirements:

Applicants must submit:

1. **Application Checklist Coversheet** (*must accompany your application with items included checked off*)
2. **The Scholarship Application Sheet**
3. An **essay** of approximately 400 words describing your life experiences and educational goals as related to the Rotary Motto "Service Above Self" (Please see the section on preparing an application for further information on writing the essay).
4. A summary of your **leadership activities**.
5. A summary of your **community service activities** (Please see the section on preparing an application to find out what we mean by *Leadership and Service*.)
6. A letter or **letters of recommendation** from school officials and others.
7. A record of **academic achievement**, including school transcripts with Social Security information redacted (blacked out). Unofficial transcripts are acceptable. Attention WSU and Clark College students: transcripts from colleges attended more than 5 years ago are optional.

PREPARING AN APPLICATION FOR A VANCOUVER ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP

In the application, you are asked to describe your **LEADERSHIP** and **SERVICE** activities. Based on our experiences with applicants in previous years, we have very wide and flexible ideas about what these words mean.

LEADERSHIP doesn't necessarily mean being president of the student body. We believe that people lead their peers by being committed. Students have scored high by being solid team members in sports, school, social, and religious organizations. Students have also shown leadership by developing their talents in music, art, writing, and performance. If you have stuck with something over the years, we think you're a leader.

SERVICE means spending a significant amount of time doing things that help other people. This can be accomplished by volunteering for community service organizations, but in the past we have also given high scores to students who performed services in less typical ways, such as holding down a job to help support the family, being a caregiver for a handicapped person, or spending significant time caring for younger siblings. We are looking for students who help other people on a regular basis. We recognize that there are many ways to do this, and are very interested in hearing about how service is a part of your life.

WRITING THE ESSAY ON "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"

In the essay, we would like to read about volunteer service that you have done and the effect that it has on your life and the lives of others. No service is too small to write about; it is not the number of hours you put in as much as the spirit that counts. We want to give scholarships to people who believe in helping others as a way of life.

In Rotary, we believe service means giving back to the community in ways **beyond** what we do in our day-to-day jobs. Aspiring to a career in education or healthcare or some other field that helps people is admirable, but it is not what we are looking for in this essay. The essays that impress us most are about how helping other people has made a difference in your life.

DEADLINE

Applications must be **RECEIVED** at the following address no later than 5:00 PM, Thursday February 9, 2017 (we recommend a postmark of February 8th if mailed) and sent to the attention of:

Via Mail:
Dr. Steven Webb
P.O. Box 8937
Vancouver, WA 98668-8937

Hand delivery:
Dr. Steven Webb
2901 Falk Road
Vancouver, WA

Award Determination:

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of submitted material and personal interviews as judged by the Vancouver Rotary Foundation Scholarship Committee. Finalists are selected based on their service, leadership and academic achievement.



Vancouver Rotary Foundation 2016-17 Scholarship Application Checklist Coversheet

C/o Dr. Steven Webb
P.O. Box 8937
Vancouver, WA 98668-8937

You must include this checklist coversheet with your application.

Applicant's Name: _____

Current School: _____

Applying for the Following Scholarship:

(Check one of the following boxes based on current school)

- A VSD High School Scholarship (I am a Vancouver School District Graduating Senior going to a college or university in Washington or Oregon)
- A Vocational Scholarship (I am a Vancouver School District or Skills Center Graduating Senior (my home school is in the Vancouver School District) going to a Vocational school (a for-profit school that trains students for specific careers) in Washington or Oregon)
- A La Center High School Scholarship (I am a La Center School District Graduating Senior going to a college or university in Washington or Oregon)
- A Clark College Scholarship (I am a graduating Clark College Student going on to a Higher-Education Institution in Washington or Oregon) or a returning Clark College Student)- (Running start students must select their primary High School above)
- A WSU-V Undergraduate Scholarship (I am currently a WSU-V Undergraduate student, and will apply a scholarship toward an undergraduate degree at WSU-V)
- A WSU-V Graduate Scholarship (I am currently a WSU-V Graduate student, and will apply a scholarship toward a graduate degree at WSU-V)

The applicant is to verify that all required items have been included within this application by checking off the related boxes below:

- 1. Application Checklist Coversheet (this sheet *must accompany your application with items included checked off*).
- 2. The Scholarship Application Sheet.
- 3. An essay of approximately 400 words describing your educational goals as related to the Rotary Motto "Service Above Self."
- 4. A record of leadership activities.
- 5. A record of community service.
- 6. A letter or letters of recommendation from school officials and others.
- 7. Academic record of achievement including school transcripts, with Social Security Number information *blacked out!* Attention WSU and Clark College students: Transcripts from colleges attended more than 5 years ago are optional.

RULES AND IMPORTANT DATES

Applicants must list all schools to which they have applied. ONLY APPLICANTS PLANNING TO ATTEND A COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON OR OREGON WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS.

Applicants will be disqualified if all information is not included. See your school counselor for more information.

Students who received a Rotary scholarship last year may not apply. A Rotary scholarship cannot be received in consecutive years.

Finalists will be chosen and notified on March 15, 2017.

Finalist interviews will be held on April 18, 2017 and are mandatory. Everyone interviewed will be notified of the outcome within 24 hours.

Scholarship funds are intended to be used primarily for tuition and school related fees, as administered by the school. If your Rotary scholarship is in excess of the cost of tuition and fees, other uses may be allowed. If this applies to you contact Bruce Ziegman at 360-713-3766 or Dr. Al Bernstein at 360-693-8439.

If a recipient later chooses to attend a school outside Washington or Oregon, he or she must immediately notify the scholarship committee chairperson and his or her school counselor. The deadline for making that declaration is May 2, 2017. Applicants (and their parent or guardian if the applicant is 18 years of age or younger) must sign the application agreeing to the above scholarship rules.

Recipients should plan to attend the awards luncheon that will be held in their honor on May 24, 2017. Rotary will pay the cost of lunch for the scholarship recipient and up to two guests.

Scholarship funds will be distributed through the Vancouver School District Foundation. Any scholarship not claimed before the expiration date will be forfeited. Any questions should be directed to your school counselor.

Thank you for the effort you are making in filling out this application. If you have questions about whether you qualify for a Rotary Scholarship, please talk with your counselor.

Thank you,

Vancouver Rotary Scholarship Committee



**VANCOUVER ROTARY FOUNDATION
2016-17 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant's Name: _____

Applicant's Home Address: _____

City _____ **State** ____ **Zip** _____

Applicant's Telephone Number: _____

Applicant's e-mail: _____

Current School: _____

School Counselor: _____

Parents/Guardians Names or Other Contact: _____

Parents/Guardians Address: _____

City _____ **State** ____ **Zip** _____

Parents/Guardians Telephone Number: _____

Institutions to which you have applied, in order of preference:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

How did you find out about the Rotary scholarship? _____

Have you previously received a Rotary scholarship? _____ **In what year?** _____

I agree to abide by the requirements of the Vancouver Rotary Scholarship program. If I am selected as a recipient, but become ineligible for any reason, including a decision to attend a school outside of Washington or Oregon, I will immediately notify my counselor and the scholarship committee chairperson. Deadline for such notification is May 2, 2017.

Applicant's signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is 18 or younger): _____