

The Rotary Club of Yakima and the Yakima Rotary Charities 2021 Academic Scholarship Application

Note: 19 Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each will be awarded this year.

The Rotary Club of Yakima is a club created to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster, high ethical standards; the application of service in one's personal, business, and community life; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through individuals united in the idea of service.

Rotarians live by the 4-Way Test. They ask:

1. **Is it the TRUTH?**
 2. **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
 3. **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
 4. **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**
-

Academic Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. The scholarship is to be used at a post-high school institution beginning in the fall after graduation from high school. The award will be sent directly to the student's college or university upon proof of actual full-time enrollment.
2. Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria:
 - Academic performance;
 - Community service and leadership exhibited within the school environment;
 - Community service and leadership exhibited outside of the school environment;
 - Student essay concerning the importance of community service and leadership, how they have exhibited community service and leadership in their lives, and how those concepts can be used to improve the quality of life in our communities.
 - Two letters of recommendations.
 - Financial need.

Scholarships will be awarded to students who exhibit outstanding academic performance and community service, both within the school environment and outside of the community environment, with consideration also given to need.

Instructions for Completing and Submitting the Application:

1. Fully complete and submit the attached application and required essay.
2. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation as follows:
 - a. One letter from a school teacher, counselor, or administrator
 - b. One letter from a community member
3. Submit a transcript of grades (including a GPA). **A school official must sign or verify by email this section as of the accuracy of the information provided.**
4. FASFA or WASFA Student Aid Report showing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

* Finalists will be **notified** the week of **April 19, 2021** and will be asked to attend a *personal zoom interview* (5-7 minutes in length) with the Academic Scholarship Committee set for April 26th or April 28th.

Deadline: Applications **MUST BE POSTMARKED or EMIALED** by Monday, March 15, 2021.

Submit completed application to: **The Rotary Club of Yakima (yakimarotary@yakimarotary.org)**
Academic Scholarship Committee
PO Box 464
Yakima, WA 98907-0464

Notification and Awards Ceremony: Award winners will be notified by letter by May 5th. Winners will be invited to attend the Downtown Yakima Rotary Club noon zoom meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021 to receive their awards.

CRITERIA 2: COMMUNITY SERVICE/LEADERSHIP OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

PLEASE LIST: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, WHICH CAN INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN *COMMUNITY GROUPS, CHURCH ACTIVITIES, NON-SCHOOL SPORTS, WORK ACTIVITIES, OR OTHER COMMUNITY ACITIVITIES*, AND ANY LEADERSHIP ROLES YOU'VE PLAYED IN THOSE ACTIVITIES

School Year	Community, Work, Church Activities & Leadership Roles	Office Held (if applicable)	Est. hours per year
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

CRITERIA 3: SCHOLASTIC PERFORMANCE

GPA: _____ ANTICIPATED CLASS RANK: _____ of _____

HONORS/AP/Running Start COURSES TAKEN: _____

Signature of School Official (REQUIRED): _____

CRITERIA 4: PERSONAL ESSAY

The Rotary Club of Yakima is interested in hearing your ideas about how youth involvement in communities can be a positive force for change. Please write and attach an essay of **no more than 250 words** to this application, which includes your thoughts on the following:

The motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self". What does "Service Above Self" mean to you and how have you incorporated the ideals of that motto into your life?

CRITERIA 5: NEED

Note: Need will be considered as a factor. As part of the application process, you are asked to submit your FASFA or WASFA Student Aid Report showing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

Before you mail your application, please make sure that the following items are included:

- Enclosed, completed Rotary Academic Scholarship Application with **REQUIRED** signatures
- 250 word essay
- Official high school transcript
- One Letter of Recommendation from a school administrator, teacher, or counselor
- One Letter of Recommendation from a community member
- FASFA OR WASFA Student Aid Report showing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

REMEMBER: COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021!

Applicant's Signature (REQUIRED): _____ **Date:** _____

Note: Please do not put any information on the back of any of these pages.
