

# The Rotary Club of Yakima and the Yakima Rotary Charities 2025 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?**
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## **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 recommendation.
  - Financial need.

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

## **Instructions for Completing and Submitting the Application:**

1. Carefully read and fully complete and submit the attached application and required essay.
2. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation as follows:
  - a. One letter from a teacher, counselor, or administrator
  - b. One letter from a community member (**cannot be a teacher, counselor, or administrator**)
3. Submit a transcript of grades (including a GPA). **A school official must sign or verify by email this section as to the accuracy of the information provided.**
4. FASFA or WASFA Student Aid Report showing your Student Aid Index (SAI).

\* Finalists will be **notified** the week of **April 14, 2025**, and will be asked to attend a *personal interview* (5-7 minutes in length) with the Academic Scholarship Committee on either April 28th or April 30th.

**Deadline for Submission:** Applications **MUST BE POSTMARKED** or emailed by March 7, 2025.

**Submit completed application to:** **The Rotary Club of Yakima**  
**Academic Scholarship Committee**  
**PO Box 464**  
**Yakima, WA 98907-0464**

**Notification and Awards Ceremony:** Award winners will be notified by letter by May 9th. Winners will be invited to attend the Downtown Yakima Rotary Club noon luncheon meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025, to receive their awards.

## ROTARY CLUB OF YAKIMA 2025 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_

### **CRITERIA 1: COMMUNITY SERVICE/LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**

PLEASE LIST: SCHOOL HONORS, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, SPORTS, AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

School Year	Honors, Sports, School Activities & Leadership Activities	Office Held (if applicable)	Est. <b>annual</b> hours
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**CRITERIA 2: COMMUNITY SERVICE/LEADERSHIP OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**

PLEASE LIST: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (**not including school activities listed above**), 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. <b>annual</b> hours
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**CRITERIA 3: SCHOLASTIC PERFORMANCE**

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ANTICIPATED CLASS RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

HONORS/AP/Running Start COURSES TAKEN: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Signature of School Official (REQUIRED):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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?*

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**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 Student Aid Index (SAI).

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

- 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 (**not a school teacher, counselor, or administrator from your school**)
- FASFA OR WASFA Student Aid Report showing your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) Form must include your name on the report.

**REMEMBER: COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025! APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE SUBMITTED BY EMAIL AT [yakimarotary@yakimarotary.org](mailto:yakimarotary@yakimarotary.org).**

**Applicant's Signature (REQUIRED):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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