

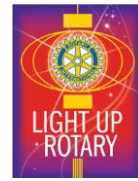


South Puget Sound – Olympia Rotary

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2015 South Puget Sound Rotary Scholarship

Applications due by March 13, 2015

AWARDS & ELIGIBILITY

South Puget Sound Rotary is pleased to continue our longstanding tradition of providing scholarships to excellent South Thurston County students. This year, graduating High School Seniors from Rochester, Rainier, Tenino, Oakville, or New Market (please note: NMVSC students must come from one of the aforementioned schools) looking to attend a 2 or 4 year university, trade, specialty, or technical college, community college, or other accredited institution of higher education within the United States are eligible to apply for these awards.

We will be awarding a total of \$10,000 in the form of five \$2,000 scholarships – One per school.

The scholarships will be payable to the respective colleges once Proof of Enrollment is provided (after 5 days for processing). *The scholarship will have a sunset provision requiring use within one calendar year of the award date - April 1st 2015.*

ABOUT ROTARY

South Puget Sound Rotary is a part of Rotary International (RI). RI is an organization of service clubs located all over the world, and is recognized as the world's first volunteer service organization. The stated purpose of RI is to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

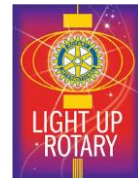


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TO APPLY

Please complete the attached application by March 13, 2015 (including permission signatures) and all required supporting documents, including written responses, community service verification form(s), an official transcript, and the attached Financial Information Form, and letter(s) of recommendation.

Applications must be emailed to SPSRotaryScholarships@gmail.com by March 13, 2015.

All applications must be submitted in the form of a single .pdf attachment to an email from your personal (not school) email address (preferred) or a paper document mailed to South Puget Sound Rotary:

ATTN: Scholarship Committee, P O Box 7456, Olympia, WA 98507, postmarked on or before March 13, 2015, with the exception of official transcripts, which must be emailed, mailed, or faxed directly from your high school counselor or registrar. All information (including financial status and transcripts) provided on your application will be shared with members of the selection committee.

All Scholarship Award winners will be required to attend a Rotary Meeting in May of 2015, where you will be introduced to our Club to learn more about you and your plans for the scholarship by giving a brief acceptance speech (2 - 3 minutes). Your family is welcome to attend as well, and you will all be our guests for breakfast, date To be determined.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Scholarships will be awarded based on evaluation of application and written responses with the following priority:

- **35% based on community service work** (evaluation based on letter of recommendation and community service verification form(s) including explanation of involvement)
- **30% based on financial need** (evaluated by information provided on completed Financial Information Form)
- **15% based on academic achievements** (evaluated from transcripts, including GPA and strength of schedule)
- **10% based on the structure, grammar, and development of ideas in the essay**
- **10% based on other factors** (including all employment/work experience, sports, clubs, leadership, or other school (or school-related) activities included in application).

IMPORTANT DATES

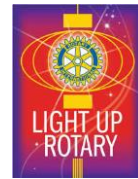
- **January 5** - Application process opens
- **March 13** – **Applications and all supporting materials due via email (hard copies must be postmarked by this date)**
- **March 16-30** – Applications reviewed & recipients chosen
- **April 1** - Scholarships awarded/recipients notified
- **May 2015 TBD** - All recipients must attend a Mandatory South Puget Sound Rotary Scholarship meeting to accept scholarship and thank Rotary. Scholarship recipients will be forwarded more information.



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2015 SOUTH PUGET SOUND ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applications due by March 13, 2015

Personal Information and Permission

Name (First, Middle, Last)

Mailing Address

High School

Home Phone

Email Address (*not High School, must be valid for the next two years for award purposes*)

Future College/University/ & College Registration #, if known

Planned Course of Study/Major

I hereby give permission for the South Puget Sound Rotary and its designees to verify and share my son/daughter's information for the purpose of eligibility for the South Puget Sound Rotary Scholarship.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Student Signature

Date

Additional Required Documents

1. Please email SPSRotaryScholarships@gmail.com with following attached to the email in a single .pdf attachment:

- A. Completed Community Service Verification Form(s) (attached) for each organization where you completed service hours (min. 50 hours required during high school career).
- B. Letter of Recommendation (non-relative, member of organization where you completed service hours preferred).
- C. Completed Financial Information Form (attached)
- D. 1-page (500 word max) description of your achievements, including community service, leadership experience, involvement in sports or clubs, academic or life challenges, and/or work experience and how these have demonstrated your commitment to service in our community and influenced your plans for the future. Also include your intended course of study, school/college of choice, career goals and how receiving a South Puget Sound Rotary scholarship would benefit you, both financially and any other way.

2. Please request an official transcript be emailed from your High School counselor directly to: SPSRotaryScholarships@gmail.com

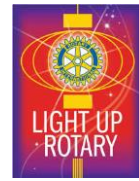


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2015 SOUTH PUGET SOUND ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE VERIFICATION FORM

Please fill out and attach one verification form for each organization where service hours were completed.

_____ (Name of Volunteer) has completed _____ hours* of community service for

_____ (Name of Organization), including performing the following tasks/services:

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*Hours must have been completed during Volunteer’s High School career.

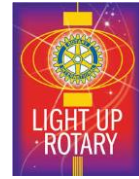
Supervisor/Lead Name (Please Print)

Supervisor/Lead Signature

Date



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SOUTH PUGET SOUND ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FINANCIAL INFORMATION FORM

Must be completed for application to be considered

My estimated cost of school attendance for the 2015 - 2016 academic year is as follows:

(Information may be obtained from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form):

Tuition \$ _____

Books \$ _____

Other fees \$ _____

Housing* \$ _____ *Only include out of pocket expenses if living at home.

Other expenses \$ _____

Total expenses \$ _____

I anticipate financial help from the following sources:

Grant(s) \$ _____

Scholarship(s) \$ _____

Family \$ _____

Student loans \$ _____

Employment \$ _____

Other resource \$ _____

Total financial resources \$ _____

South Puget Sound Rotary reserves the right to verify financial information provided above.

Please tell us how many scholarships you have applied for in addition to this one: _____