



Rotary Club of South Puget Sound – Olympia WA
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2018 Rotary Club of South Puget Sound – Olympia Scholarship Application

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MARCH 16, 2018

The **Rotary Club of South Puget Sound - Olympia** is pleased to continue our longstanding tradition of providing scholarships to excellent South Thurston County high school graduates. This year, we will be awarding scholarships to graduating high school seniors from Rochester, Rainier, Tenino and/or Oakville high schools who are planning to attend a two- or four-year college or university, trade school, specialty school, technical college, community college or other accredited institution of higher learning within the United States.

This year, we will be awarding \$1,000 and \$2,000 individual scholarships. Awards are not limited to one per school, but will be allocated as our Rotary club chooses, based on the quality and completeness of applications. While we place a high value on scholastic achievement, we are also seeking to award students who have demonstrated perseverance, determination and a commitment to service.

The scholarships will be payable directly to the qualified institution of higher learning once Proof of Enrollment is provided. Each scholarship has a sunset provision requiring use within one calendar year of the award date, which is April 25, 2019.

ABOUT ROTARY

The **Rotary Club of South Puget Sound – Olympia** is part of Rotary International – a federation of service clubs located worldwide. The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, good will, 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:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. 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;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
and
4. The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATION DUE MARCH 16, 2018

Please submit your completed application and ALL required supporting documents (including permission signatures) by **March 16, 2018**. All applications and supporting must be submitted in one of two formats:

1. **Preferred:** An email from your personal email address* (not your school's email address), with all the forms combined as a single pdf attachment. The email address is: SPSRotaryScholarships@gmail.com.
2. **Acceptable:** Hard copy* sent by mail to: Rotary Club of South Puget Sound - Scholarships, P.O. Box 7456, Olympia WA 98507.

**Exception: your official transcript must be emailed or mailed directly from your high school counselor or registrar.*

PLEASE NOTE: All information (including financial status and transcripts) you submit as part of your application will be shared with the members of the scholarship award selection committee.

SELECTION CRITERIA

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

- 35% Community Service Activity** (evaluation based on letter(s) of recommendation and community service verification form(s), including explanation of involvement)
- 30% Financial Need** (evaluation based on information provided on completed Financial Information Form)
- 15% Scholastic Achievement** (evaluation based on transcripts, including GPA and strength of schedule)
- 10% Quality of Application Essay** (evaluation based on content, eloquence, organization and grammar)
- 10% Other Factors** (including reported employment/work experience, sports, clubs, leadership or other school-related activities).

IMPORTANT DATES

- **January 5, 2018** – Application process opens.
- **March 16, 2018** – Applications and all supporting materials due, including transcripts and financial statements.
- **April 25, 2018** – Scholarships recipients notified.
- **May 18, 2018** – Scholarship recipients must attend the May 18, 2018 meeting of the **Rotary Club of South Puget Sound – Olympia** to share their education and career plans with the members of the club. (Exceptions may be granted at the prerogative of the club).
- **August 1, 2018** – Scholarship funds sent to student's respective school.



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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
PERSONAL INFORMATION AND PERMISSION
Applications due by March 16, 2018

 Name (First, Middle, Last)

 Mailing Address, City, State, Zip

 Home Phone Number

 Cell Phone Number

 Email address (must be *your* personal email address and remain valid for the next two years for award purposes)

 High School

 Planned Course of Study/Major

Student Registration # for targeted institution of higher learning (if already enrolled): _____

As the legal parent/guardian of _____, I hereby give permission for the Rotary Club of South Puget Sound – Olympia and its designees to verify and share my child’s personal and family financial information for the purpose of determining eligibility for this scholarship.

 Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
(Applications with incomplete forms will not be reviewed)

1. Official Transcript to be emailed directly from your high school counselor or registrar to SPSRotaryScholarships@gmail.com.
2. Completed Community Service Verification Form(s) (included in this packet) for each organization for which you completed service hours (min. 50 hours required during high school career)
3. Letters of Recommendation (non-relative, member of organization where you completed service hours preferred)
4. Completed Financial Information Form (included in this packet).
5. Application Essay: A written description of your achievements (in 500 words or less), including experience in community service, leadership, and sports and/or clubs, as well as academic or life challenges and any work history. Please also describe how these elements demonstrate your commitment to community service and influence your plans for the future. Also include your intended course of study, school/college of your choice, career goals and how receiving this scholarship would benefit you.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE VERIFICATION FORM

(must be completed and signed by Supervisor/Lead of organization where you served.)

_____ (name of student) has completed ____ hours of community service
for _____ (name of organization) during their high school
career, including performing the following tasks/services:

Name of Supervisor/Lead (please print)

Supervisor/Lead Signature

Supervisor Contact information (phone # and e-mail)

Date: _____



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION FORM

Must be completed for application to be considered. Estimations are acceptable.

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

Do you have siblings (check one): YES NO

If you circled YES, please tell us how many currently reside with you: _____

Please indicate how many siblings (if any) are also attending institutions of higher learning at this time and receiving financial assistance from your family (cash, loans, etc.): _____

Please provide the following estimated costs for attending your chosen institution of higher learning:

Tuition	\$
Books	\$
Other Fees	\$
Housing (only include out-of-pocket expenses if living at home)	\$
Other Expenses	\$
TOTAL	\$

Please provide the amount of financial support you anticipate receiving from sources other than this scholarship:

Grants	\$
Scholarships	\$
Family	\$
Financial Aid/Student Loans	\$
Employment	\$
Other	\$
TOTAL	\$

The **Rotary Club of South Puget Sound – Olympia** reserves the right to verify financial information provided above.