


Rotary
Club of
South Everett/Mukilteo **Scholarships**
"Service above Self"

Rotary International is a global network of business, professional, and community leaders that provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. *In more than 160 countries worldwide, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 30,000 Rotary clubs.* Rotary International has provided leadership over the past 30 years in the global eradication of polio.

The South Everett/Mukilteo Rotary Club (SEMR) has over 60 members from a diverse range of vocations who serve their south Everett and Mukilteo community through projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. SEMR also has programs to benefit local youth such as scholarships, service opportunities, and vocational and career development. *For more information about SEMR, visit semrotary.org.*

The South Everett/Mukilteo Rotary Foundation (SEMR Foundation) was formed by the club as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization for annual fundraising that benefits the club's philanthropic projects. Annual fundraising totals around \$150,000 and is directed back into local and international projects the following year. The SEMR Foundation has and continues to build an endowment of nearly \$500,000 that will be used in future years to enhance the South Everett Mukilteo Rotary Club's impact on the community.

2025 South Everett Mukilteo Rotary Club Foundation Scholarships

The Rotary Club of South Everett Mukilteo Foundation plans to distribute over \$60,000 in academic scholarships in 2025 to high school seniors from Kamiak, Mariner, and Aces High Schools who plan to further their education at a 4-year college, community college or vocational training institution.

The SEMR general scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

- Commitment to **Academics:**
 - A 3.0 cumulative GPA or better is required.
 - Evidence of education as a priority with clear goals for future education.
- Commitment to **Service:**
 - Active involvement in extra-curricular activities at school and/or in the community.
 - Meaningful service work provided within their community and evidence of interest in future service.
- **Citizenship:** Being a responsible, respectful, and thoughtful member of their school and local communities.

After reviewing applicant submissions, the Rotary Scholarship Committee will select recipients for general scholarships and any sponsored scholarships. The committee may choose to interview some or all students to make their final decisions.

All applicants should provide the following with the attached application form:

1. Applicant's unofficial academic transcript
2. A letter of recommendation from a teacher, advisor, or counselor
3. A resume highlighting the applicant's involvement in extra-curricular organizations and activities and community service organizations and activities. Indicate any leadership positions if held and any awards and honors if received. If applicant has work experience, please provide a description.
4. Provide an essay (not to exceed 800 words) addressing the following question:

*"We are all unique. Our DNA makes this a scientific fact, but it is our distinguishing personal characteristics: our personality, experiences, activities, inspirations, and passions that set each of us apart from the rest of humanity. **What makes you unique, and how will this impact your education and your future service to your community?**"*

5. *Applicants for sponsored scholarships* must provide an additional paragraph or paragraphs (500 words or less) describing why they are applying for that scholarship and how the criterion for that scholarship relates to them.
6. A photo of the applicant, preferably a head and shoulders view.

General Scholarships

\$45,000: The South Everett Mukilteo Foundation General Scholarships: \$45,000 will be divided among applicants whom the committee determines to meet the general scholarship criteria. Minimum general scholarship amount is \$1,500.

All applicants are eligible and will be considered for a general scholarship, including those that also apply for one or more sponsored scholarships. No student will receive more than one scholarship.

Sponsored Scholarships

Sponsored scholarships are created by local individuals, businesses and organizations that partner with the South Everett/Mukilteo Rotary Foundation. **Sponsored scholarship applicants must meet the criteria for the general scholarships in addition to meeting the specific requirements of the sponsored scholarships.** Applicants interested in one or more of these scholarships should indicate so by checking the box(es) provided on the application form (Page 3). For more information about each of these scholarships and the sponsors, visit www.semrotary.org.

\$1,500: The “A Bit of Taste” Scholarship (EVCC or WWU) will be awarded this year to a graduating senior who plans to attend Everett Community College or Western Washington University to pursue degrees in either **business, accounting, engineering or nursing**. Debe Franz, owner of “A bit of Taste”, is a dedicated member of SEMR, a past Rotary Club president and former educator at EVCC. Her late husband Dean was also a long time Rotarian. www.abitof taste.com.

\$1,500: The Dwayne Lane’s Auto Family Scholarship will be awarded this year to a graduating senior who plans to advance their education/training towards an **automotive career**. Automotive careers include sales, service, technicians, office administration, and marketing. *To learn more about Dwayne Lane’s Auto Family, visit www.dwaynelane.com.*

\$1,500: The D. A. Davidson Scholarship will be awarded this year to a graduating senior who exemplifies the qualities and values that the company promotes within its culture: **ethics, community involvement/volunteerism and maintaining balance in life between vocational and personal commitments**. Dan Leach, Everett branch manager, is a dedicated member of the South Everett/Mukilteo Rotary Club, a past President of the club. Dan grew up in Mukilteo and attended Kamiak High School. www.dadavidson.com.

\$1,500: The Jean Casson Community College Scholarship will be awarded this year to a graduating senior who plans to attend any community college. The sponsors, David and Debby Casson, have created this scholarship in honor of David’s Aunt Jean who trained a generation of educators in her native Texas and would like the scholarship to benefit **a graduating senior who is facing challenges in attending college, with preference for a student who is either a first-generation college student or first or second-generation immigrant**. David is an active member of SEMR and Debby is a tenured math instructor at Everett Community College.

\$1,500: The Propeller Airports Scholarship will be awarded this year to a graduating senior who plans to further their education in **aerospace, aviation, and related fields such as engineering, urban design/planning, architecture, and business administration**. Propeller Airports built and now operates the passenger terminal at Seattle Paine Field Airport. For more information on Propeller Airports at Seattle Paine Field, visit www.flypaine field.com.

\$1,500: The Saundra E. Willis Animal Health Profession Scholarship will be awarded this year to a graduating senior who plans **to pursue a career in an animal-health related profession including veterinary assistance or technology program, veterinary medicine or animal agriculture**. The applicant should highlight any work and/or volunteer activities in the field of animal health on their application. Dr. Saundra Willis, DVM, DACVIM, is veterinarian with Zoetis Labs of Mukilteo, board vice-chairman of the AVMA, and the current South Everett/Mukilteo Rotary Club president.

\$2,000: The David and Rene’ Porubek Merit Scholarship will be awarded this year to a graduating senior who is **pursuing a scientific discipline. Special consideration will also be given to students who have overcome personal hardship**. David and Rene’ Porubek have been generous members of our community for over 30 years, often working quietly behind the scenes of local philanthropic events.

\$3,000: The Gary and Frances Kenna Foundation Scholarship will be awarded this year to a graduating senior who has **persevered through adversity** (financial, health issues, family issues, academic challenges, etc.) to prepare themselves for post-secondary education and where significant financial aid will be necessary for them to follow-through with their education plans. **Special consideration will be given to students with Hispanic or African American ancestry**. Gary Kenna has been a dedicated member of SEMR for over 20 years and he and Frances have been generous supporters of community programs.

\$3,000: The Matt Martin State Farm Business Scholarship will be awarded this year to a graduating senior who has been **active in DECA or is interested in persuing additional education in business**. Matt Martin is a long-time active member of the Mukilteo Community and was named “Citizen of the Year” in 2019. *For more information about Matt Martin’s State Farm Agency, visit www.mattmartin.biz.*

SEMR Scholarship Application – 2025

*Please note that these scholarships are for students that attend
Kamiak and Mariner High Schools.*

APPLICANT'S FULL NAME: _____

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

STUDENT CELL PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

GPA _____ Number in Class _____ Rank in Class _____

CHOICE OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY: _____

Admitted: Yes _____ No _____ Probable Admission Date _____

Desired Major _____ Desired Minor (if applicable) _____

In addition to being considered for a general scholarship, the applicant would like to be considered for the following sponsored scholarships (please see additional application submittal requirements – page 1):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500: The A Bit of Taste Scholarship (EVCC or WWU) | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1500: Saundra E. Willis Animal Health Profession Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500: The Dwayne Lanes Auto Family Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000: The David and Rene' Porubek Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500: The D.A. Davidson Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000: The Gary and Frances Kenna Foundation Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500: The Jean Casson Community College Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000: The Matt Martin State Farm Business Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500: The Propeller Airports Scholarship | |

I have read and understand the South Everett/Mukilteo Rotary Foundation (SEMR) scholarship information and procedures. I hereby consent and authorize the SEMR to use my name, photograph, or video image, personal information about myself and my family, as well as the circumstances of my relationship with SEMR as deemed appropriate by the Rotary Club for public information, fundraising purposes, website promotion, and other associated Rotary programs or needs as approved by SEMR.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature (if student under 18)

Please send completed application to Pat Mulvaney at pat.mulvaney@frontier.com April 1, 2025. Please place "Rotary Scholarship Application" in the Subject Line.

It is preferable for the committee if you can combine all required documents into one document (PDF), as this is easier for us to circulate to our review committee members.

Your completed application will become the property of the SEMR Rotary Club and will not be returned.

For more information, please contact:

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