

Policy on Giving

Bow Rotary Club / Bow Rotary Club Foundation

Each year, the Boards of Directors of the Bow Rotary Club (“Club”) and the Bow Rotary Foundation (“Foundation”) (collectively, the “Board”) receives requests for grants and donations from numerous sources.

In 1987 the Board of the Club established guidelines and standards to provide a basis for the Board to discuss requests and to achieve some consistency in determining whether to grant funds. Subsequently, the Foundation was established, and these guidelines were adopted by the Foundation for use by its Board as well. These guidelines were amended in 2006 and 2010.

The Board retains discretion to respond favorably to requests that do not meet the guidelines and standards, and it also has full discretion to decline to act favorably on requests that meet the guidelines and standards.

The current guidelines and standards are as follows:

- There is a preference that grants or donations directly benefit a citizen or citizens of the Town of Bow, with the exception of requests that come through Rotary International, or otherwise, for world community service.
- The group or person requesting a donation must evidence substantial need for the funds and that the need is unlikely to be fulfilled by another source of funds.
- There is a preference to contribute to something that will have an enduring effect on a group or individual and ideally relates to the goals of Rotary.
- A substantial amount of grants or donations will support scholarships for Bow students to pursue higher education.
- Members and families of members of The Bow Rotary Club are not eligible to receive grants or donations from the Bow Rotary Foundation.
- There is a preference that grants or donations not be made to organizations that are themselves 501(c)3 organizations, who raise and distribute charitable funds (e.g. United Way, American Cancer Society, etc.). Instead, the Bow Rotary Foundation seeks to make direct contributions to individuals or groups who will use the funds for a state purpose.
- Except for annual scholarship requests, donation requests from students at Bow High School (e.g. for Senior projects, etc.) will generally be referred to an official of the school for their evaluation and recommendation.

Board Established Policy: May 1987

Board Reaffirmed Policy: August 31, 1992

Board Reaffirmed Policy: August 3, 1998

Board Reaffirmed and Amended Policy: August 7, 2006

Board Reaffirmed and Amended Policy: August 2, 2010