

Rotary



The Rod Woods - Rotary Club of Waukee Scholarship

WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary International, a non-profit service organization founded in 1905, brings together 1.2 million members from over 200 countries in a global network of volunteers dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. (www.rotary.org) Rotarians contribute their time, energy and passion to sustainable, long-term projects in local communities across the globe. Projects focus on issues such as peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development. The world-wide elimination of polio is a Rotary initiative. This initiative has required immunization of children world-wide –550 million children received the polio vaccine in 2000 alone. But it has still taken twenty-eight years to reduce the number of polio cases from 350,000 a year to 223 cases in 2012. War and politics make the project difficult. The goal is a polio free world by 2018.

WHAT IS THE ROD WOODS -WAUKEE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP?

The Rotary Club of Waukee will award **four (4) \$1,000 scholarships** for the academic year. The scholarship winner(s) will be announced at the Waukee High School Senior Awards night and will be invited to a special Rotary Meeting for recognition. Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the Rotary meeting to make a 2-3 minute presentation introducing themselves to the Club, telling a little bit about themselves and their education plans.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligible students are graduating senior students of the Waukee High School and children of current members of the Rotary Club of Waukee who will be pursuing post-secondary education at a college, university, technical, or other post-secondary educational institution the fall following their high school graduation. To be eligible a student must submit a completed application by April 10th of the applicant's senior year. The applications of children of Club members will be pooled with all the applications received from the Waukee High School for consideration. No additional consideration will be given to these children and there is no guarantee that either a Waukee High School student or a child of a Rotarian will receive a scholarship.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION DEADLINE?

All applications are due to the Rotary Club of Waukee no later than April 10th. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

There are two requirements in order to be considered for the scholarship:

1. 175 hours of community service
2. An essay based on the Rotary 4-Way Test

These requirements are described in more detail below.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT?

The community service requirement will be achieved by completing the requirements of the Waukee High School Silver Cord Program or for children of Rotarians, its equivalent. You are NOT required to submit documentation for the community service hours to apply. Scholarship winners will be required to provide documentation of the community service hours before the scholarship will be dispersed. If all 175 hours have not yet been earned by the April 10th application deadline, the student will be granted until April 30th to complete the remaining hours. The Silver Cord Coordinator must certify that all hours were completed no later than April 30th. Children of Rotarians will complete 175 hours of community service as outlined in the Waukee High School Silver Cord Program Guidelines. These Guidelines (and related forms) are available on the web site of the Waukee Community School District (<https://www.waukeeschools.org/our-district/community-education/silver-cord-program/>). Verification of the service hours can be provided either by signed statements from the organizations that benefited from the volunteer service (use the attached Waukee High School Silver Cord Award Form), or, if his/her high school has an equivalent program, from the coordinator of that program. Under no circumstance will less than 175 hours of service over a 3 year period be accepted for this requirement.

WHAT IS THE ESSAY REQUIREMENT?

The essay will be titled "How Can I Use the Four Way Test as a Way of Life?" and will be based on how the Rotary's Four Way Test will apply to the applicant's future as a student and beyond. The scholarship committee will judge the essays based on which essay best communicates the use of the Four Way Test in the applicant's life. In addition, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and appearance will be taken into consideration. The essay should be no less than 500 and no more than 750 words long and should be printed, double spaced, on white paper.

The Four Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships that Rotarians have been using for over eight decades. It does not provide answers. It asks questions which the user must answer in his or her daily life. The Four Way Test is:

Of the things we think, say or do—

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?**

THE ROD WOODS - WAUKEE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

STUDENT PROFILE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS

I have attached my essay entitled "How Can I Use the Four Way Test as a Way of Life?"

COMMUNITY SERVICE CERTIFICATION

With this signature, I certify that I have completed at least 175 hours of community service, or will have completed the community service by April 30th.

Student Signature: _____

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR COMPLETED
APPLICATION AND ESSAY TO
WAUKEEROTARYFORYOUTH@GMAIL.COM