

## **SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS**

Please provide an essay on a single 8.5 x 11-inch sheet of paper with the following information:

1. Describe the career path you hope to pursue after graduating from SPHS.
2. Discuss, in detail, where you plan to attend college, vocational school, or training program to pursue your career path.
3. Why did you choose this college/vocational school/training program?
4. Describe your extracurricular activities at SPHS (sports, clubs, ASB, etc.).
5. Describe your community and volunteer service (mentoring program, church, Big Brothers, Rotary Pumpkin Patch, etc.)
6. Describe any interaction you have had with the Rotary Club of Santa Paula.
7. Include additional information you would like the Rotary Scholarship Committee to know about you, such as personal life experiences or work experience.
8. Note: Do not include letters of reference. They will not be considered.

**Applications are due by March 26, 2021.**

## **SANTA PAULA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Each year the Santa Paula Rotary Club provides a number of deserving Santa Paula Union High School graduating seniors with scholarships for continuing education and training. Normally the scholarships range in value from \$1,000.00 to \$3,000.00. These awards are available to pursue careers in vocational or academic studies. Scholarships will be given to selected students for continued education or training beyond high school by attending a four-year university/college, community college, trade school, business school, or professional training program.

If you would like to be considered for a scholarship, please complete the attached application. Please note that the student and parent/guardian must sign the release form to allow the committee to use your transcripts. The completed application must include a letter to the Santa Paula Rotary Scholarship Committee describing in detail the applicant's vocational or academic plans that will prepare him or her for success. The letter should be detailed. Specific instructions for the letter are attached. The letter is a key factor in the selection process; therefore, it is important that the letter provides complete, accurate, and thorough information. The committee will make assessments of the applicant's ability to succeed based upon the information available. A copy of your transcripts must be a part of the application.

The completed application package must include a letter to the committee, completed release form, and a copy of transcripts (to be provided by Santa Paula Union High School). The package must be returned to via email to **Vanessa Chavez** ([vchavez@spunifiedsd.org](mailto:vchavez@spunifiedsd.org)) at the Santa Paula Union High School Career Center **by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021**. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline. There will be no exceptions.

The Rotary Selection Committee will interview applicants who are selected as finalists. Santa Paula Union High School will notify the finalists of the date, time, and location of the interview. Interviews are normally conducted within 30 days after the deadline for turning in completed applications to the High School Career Center.



## SANTA PAULA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### VOCATIONAL OR TWO-YEAR ACADEMIC DEGREE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School or Vocational Training Center You Plan to Attend:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vocational/Career Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Vocational training or two-year academic education would include any additional schooling or training beyond high school that would lead to your career choice. Some examples would be: heavy equipment operator training, diesel mechanic education, court reporter training, cosmetology, computer technician, business school, commercial art, etc.

I agree to allow the Scholarship Committee to have access to any pertinent information necessary to assist them in determining any eligibility for a Rotary Scholarship. This includes transcripts, behavior reports or any other information necessary for this purpose.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## SANTA PAULA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION MUSIC AWARD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School or Music Training You Plan to Enter:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Training/Career Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Training would include any additional schooling or training beyond high school that would lead to your career choice. Some examples would be music major at a 4-year or 2-year College, vocational music training or any schooling or training that music would be a significant part of attaining your career goals.

I agree to allow the Scholarship Committee to have access to any pertinent information necessary to assist them in determining any eligibility for a Rotary Scholarship. This may include transcripts, behavior reports or any other information necessary for this purpose.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## SANTA PAULA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOUR-YEAR DEGREE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

University or College You Plan to Attend:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Major/Career Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to allow the Scholarship Committee to have access to any pertinent information necessary to assist them in determining any eligibility for the Rotary Scholarship. This may include transcripts, behavior reports or any other information necessary for this purpose.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: \_\_\_\_\_