

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Each year the Santa Paula Rotary Club provides a number of deserving Santa Paula High School graduating seniors with scholarships for their continuing education or training. Normally the scholarships range in value from \$1,000.00 to \$4,000.00. These awards are available to pursue careers in agriculture or music, or to pursue additional academic studies. Scholarships will also be given to pursue a trade or certification. All scholarships will be given to selected students for their continued education or training.

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, music 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 provide 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 unofficial 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 unofficial transcripts (to be provided by Santa Paula High School). The package must be returned to the Santa Paula High School Career Center or by email to vchavez@santapaulausd.org on Friday, March 06, 2026 by 4:00PM. 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 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.

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS

Please provide an essay on a single 8.5 x 11-inch sheet of paper with the following information in two paragraphs: answer items 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the first paragraph and answer items 5, 6 and 7 in the second paragraph.

1. Describe the career path you hope to pursue after graduating from high school.
2. Discuss, in detail, where you plan to attend college, vocational school, training or certification program to pursue your career path.
3. Why did you choose this college/vocational school/training program?
4. Have you taken any classes or participated in a mentorship program in your field of interest?
5. Describe your extracurricular activities such as sports, student government, or clubs you have participated in and been actively involved in, especially any leadership roles.
6. Describe your community and volunteer service (mentoring program, church, Big Brothers, Rotary Pumpkin Patch, etc.)
7. Describe any work experience you have had.
8. Note: Do not include letters of reference. They will not be considered.

Applications are due by 4pm on March 6th, 2026

Email or submit in person to Ms. Chavez in the College Career Center or by email to vchavez@santapaulausd.org

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Please select one scholarship option you wish to apply for:

- 4-Year University
- Vocational/Certification (Community College does not apply)
- Trade School
- Agriculture Major

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

Personal Email: _____

*All Rotary notifications to you will be sent to the above Email (please write clearly)

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 my eligibility for the Rotary Scholarship. This may include transcripts, citizenship reports or any other information necessary for this purpose.

Acepto permitir que el Comité de Becas tenga acceso a cualquier información pertinente necesaria para ayudarlos a determinar mi elegibilidad para una Beca Totary. Esto puede incluir expedientes académicos, informes de ciudadanía o cualquier otra información necesaria para este propósito.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____