



## **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. List and explain any work experience you have had.
6. Describe your community and volunteer service (mentoring program, church, Big Brothers, Rotary Pumpkin Patch, etc.)
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 8, 2024.

Email or submit in person to: Ms. Chavez in the College Career Center  
[vchavez@santapaulausd.org](mailto:vchavez@santapaulausd.org)



## 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 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 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 High School). The package must be returned to the Santa Paula High School Career Center via email to [vchavez@santapaulausd.org](mailto:vchavez@santapaulausd.org) on Friday, March 8, 2024. 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

To pursue a Trade, Certification or Vocational Career

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \* \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 my eligibility for a Rotary Scholarship. This includes 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 Rotary. 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## SANTA PAULA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### Music award

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \* \_\_\_\_\_

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

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.

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

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

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

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



## SANTA PAULA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### Four-Year Degree

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \* \_\_\_\_\_

\*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 a Rotary Scholarship. This may include transcripts, citizenship reports or any other information necessary for this purpose.

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

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

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