**2024 BENZIE SUNRISE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS**

***Tim Krause Memorial* Scholarship**: One, $1000 scholarship, renewable up to 3 years

***Choices* Scholarship**: One, $1000 scholarship, renewable up to 1 year

***Rotary’s Growing Our Own* Scholarship** (new): One, $1,000 scholarship, renewable up to 1 year

The Benzie Sunrise Rotary Club is pleased to inform you that we will award three scholarships, as listed above, to seniors graduating in 2024 from Benzie County Central High School. New this year, *Rotary’s Growing Our Own,* is only for students planning to complete a certificate or 2-year degree. The scholarships will be awarded to students attending a recognized federally or state accredited technical school, community college or university.

The Benzie Sunrise Rotary Club is a service organization whose primary focus is to assist in the academic and personal growth of Benzie County youth in order to make a positive impact in their future opportunities. The Club was granted a charter from Rotary International in March 2000. The Club is comprised of roughly 40 members from Benzie County and surrounding areas.

To qualify for a Benzie Sunrise Rotary Scholarship, any senior enrolled at Benzie Central High School must do the following:

1. Complete and submit a Benzie Central High School Universal Scholarship Application to the high school counselor.
2. Complete and submit a Benzie Sunrise Rotary Scholarship Application to the high school counselor.
3. Obtain and submit to the high school counselor two letters of recommendation; one from a current or former teacher within the Benzie County Central School System and one from a non-family member outside the school system.
4. Provide a current copy of your high school transcript.
5. Complete the FAFSA and include the page of the Submission Summary that notes the Student Aid Index (formerly known as the Expected Family Contribution). Confidential information such as the social security number should be redacted.
6. After graduation, the recipients of the scholarships will be required to attend a Benzie Sunrise Rotary Club meeting to share their postsecondary educational plan. (Attending in-person is preferred but if circumstances warrant plans could be made to attend virtually.)

Information to Be Used in the selection process for the recipients of the Benzie Sunrise Rotary Scholarships:

1. Academic achievement (describe challenges and successes)
2. Demonstrated character, citizenship, leadership and service
3. Benzie Sunrise Rotary Scholarship Essay
4. Letters of recommendation (please describe how the applicant demonstrates solid character, citizenship, leadership, and service)
5. Pursuing a degree/certificate in a regionally high-demand career
6. Consideration given for financial need.
7. Consideration given for first generation college-going student (adults in your home did not complete a college degree.)

**BENZIE SUNRISE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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Personal Email (not BCCHS):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Street/City/Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Institute planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address of the Financial Aid Office of that institute: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Degree being pursued (circle one): Certificate/Associates Bachelors

Expected Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Has the institute offered you a merit/talent-based scholarship? Yes No If yes, amount \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Circle any post high school degrees your parents/guardians earned: Certificate Associate’s Bachelor’s none

Did you participate in the high school Interact Club and hold a leadership position? Yes No

If yes, what position and what years of middle or high school? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please write and attach an essay addressing:

1. Academic achievement (describe challenges and successes)
2. Demonstrated character, citizenship, leadership and service
3. Choices you made and/or difficulties you’ve overcome in your life that have prepared you for success in your future

The Benzie Sunrise Rotary Club will send the scholarship award directly to the institute’s financial aid office to be credited to the cost of attendance.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_