

\$3,000 George & Willi Wheeler Scholarship

Application • 2026

Presented by Peoria North Rotary — "Service Above Self"

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 31, 2026

Eligibility: Current high school SENIORS graduating in 2027 (uploaded or emailed by the deadline).

To the Applicant

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. This scholarship recognizes high school seniors who demonstrate strong leadership skills, including opportunities to serve humanity.

Additional points are awarded to applicants from Deer Valley HS, Mountain Ridge HS, and/or any Peoria USD high school who have participated in Rotary-sponsored activities such as Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), the Rotary speech contest, a Rotary service project, or a Rotary club meeting and/or fundraising event.

The scholarship may be applied to any school-related payment, such as tuition and/or books, at any accredited college, university, vocational school, or certificate program. Only applications found complete as of the deadline will be processed. If more space is required for any item, you may attach additional information (PDF, DOC, or DOCX format only) and mark the appropriate section.

Certification & Consent

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge; falsification may result in termination of any scholarship granted. If I am offered and accept an award, I agree that Rotary and its affiliated programs may use my name, photograph or likeness, community, school name and address, award amount, and the postsecondary institution I will attend in press releases, public announcements, and other promotional materials in all media (including the Internet) to advance Rotary's non-profit objective.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature (if applicant is under 18)

Date

Return Completed Application To:

Online Upload (preferred)
apply.peorianorthrotary.net

By Email
peorianorthr@gmail.com

Online Submission Instructions

- 1) Open the upload link above and enter your full name.
 - 2) Upload three PDFs: (a) Completed Application (b) Official Transcript (c) Essay.
 - 3) Name files clearly (e.g., LastName_Application.pdf). You may upload all three at once.
- Uploads are final and cannot be viewed afterward - to fix a mistake, re-upload with "REVISED" in the file name.
The upload link will expire at midnight on 12/31/2026.

APPLICANT DATA

Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Permanent Address (Street)	City	State
Month	Day	Select year
	Year (2027 grads only)	
Telephone Number	E-Mail Address	
Name of Parent/Guardian		
Guardian Mailing Address if different (Street)	City	State
Guardian Telephone Number		

SCHOOL DATA (please attach a current transcript)

Select high school		
High School Attended	Graduation Month	Grad Year (2027)
Name of High School Counselor	GPA (/4.0 Scale)	
Postsecondary school type for which the scholarship is requested:		
☐ 4-Year College / University	☐ 2-Year / Community College	☐ Vocational
☐ Other		
Name of Postsecondary School	City / State / Zip	
If vocational, technical, or certificate: program(s) you plan to study		
Major Field of Study Applicant Plans to Pursue		

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE • BLACK OR BLUE INK

WORK EXPERIENCE (past 4 years)

Describe your work experience during the past 4 years. Indicate dates of employment for each job and the approximate number of hours worked each week.

Position	Date From (mo/yr)	Date To (mo/yr)	Hours/Week

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES / VOLUNTEER WORK (past 4 years)

List all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the past 4 years (e.g., Red Cross, church work, volunteer work).

Activity	# of Hours

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (past 4 years)

List all school activities in which you have participated during the past 4 years (e.g., student government, music, sports). Indicate all special awards and honors.

Activity	# Years	Special Awards, Honors, Offices Held

TEST SCORES & CLASS RANK

SAT – Verbal (if taken)

SAT – Math (if taken)

ACT Score (if taken)

Class Rank (end of 11th grade)

PART 1 — EDUCATIONAL GOALS & CAREER OBJECTIVES

Describe what your future goals are regarding your education and how they relate to your career objectives. You may respond in the space below or attach a typed response.

PART 2 — REQUIRED ESSAY (attach separately)

Please attach a typed essay of no more than 500 words describing how you plan to embody the Rotary motto “Service Above Self,” while also demonstrating the ideal of being “People of Action” that Rotarians strive to be in their communities.

☐ I have attached my 500-word essay (PDF, DOC, or DOCX).

Guiding principles of Rotary are available at:

- <https://peorianorthrotary.net/>
- <https://www.rotary5495.org/>
- <https://www.rotary.org/>

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This application becomes complete only when you have returned the following materials:

- ☐ Completed application form
- ☐ All required signatures
- ☐ Current transcript of grades
- ☐ Part 1 educational-goals response completed
- ☐ Part 2 essay attached (500 words maximum)

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