

**The Rotary Club of Patterson, NY
THE 2025 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change —
across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.
—Rotary International*

Rotary Club of Patterson, NY is committed to investing in our future leaders by funding the *Community Service Award Scholarship* Program for undergraduate and career technical study. This year the club is honored to award up to three scholarships totaling \$6000.00 to graduating high school seniors in the Brewster, Carmel, Dover and Pawling school districts.

This gift is broken into three different scholarships:

\$2,000 - William H. Kieran Scholarship

\$2,000 - Geoffrey L. Reinwald Inventiveness BOCES or Career Trade/Technical/Vocational Scholarship

Criteria for selection:

Both scholarships are based on the applicant's community service activities. For each scholarship, the Club reserves the right to emphasize one factor over the others in the selection process.

The applicant must:

1. Submit proof of your graduating senior status and acceptance at an institution of higher learning or Trade/Technical/Vocational school. Please provide a copy of the student's school ID card and Report Card.
2. Submit a resume of community service activities for the past two years outside of school activities.
3. Write a 500-word essay based on Rotary International's credo: "Service Above Self" and how it relates to your personal involvement in community service and how your involvement of time, talent and energy makes a difference in the community.
4. Submit two letters of reference specific to this scholarship (NOT a referral letter used with college applications); one from an educator, and one from a community leader (club leader, church leader, community service leader, etc.). Letters of support should be based on the student's community service and leadership skills OUTSIDE of school-based community service clubs.

\$2,000 - Service Above Self Scholarship

Criteria for selection:

This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior who due to family responsibilities has been unable to obtain the required community service requirements. The recipient is an individual who is enthusiastic about furthering their education and exhibited grit and creativity within their community.

The applicant must:

1. Complete above steps 1-3.
2. Submit two letters of reference specific to this scholarship (NOT a referral letter used with college applications). One from an educator and the other from either an employment senior manager, social services representative or community leader (club leader, church leader, community service leader, etc.). Letters of support should be based on the student's resilience and leadership skills in the wake of personal responsibilities and challenges, and their commitment to community service OUTSIDE of school-based community service clubs.

A select Scholarship Committee will vet all completed applications, choose finalists and submit to the Board of Directors for approval. **Winners will be notified no later than June 14, 2024.** Checks will be issued payable to the student unless otherwise requested.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE ROTARY CLUB of PATTERSON, NY BY MAY 9, 2025.

Email completed applications to Marlea Willis at: marlearotary@gmail.com and copy PattersonRotaryNY@gmail.com

Subject line: FYC 2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



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APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____ SS#: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR NAME: _____

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Be sure to include:

1. Verification of graduating senior status.
2. Two letters of reference; one from an educator and one from a community leader. Applicants for the Geoffrey R. Inventiveness Scholarship must submit one from an educator and one from either an employment senior manager, social services representative or community leader.
3. Resume of Community Service activities over the last two years.
4. 500-word essay on "Service Above Self" and how it relates to your personal involvement in community service.

Applications must be received no later than May 9, 2025.

Send completed application and all requested documents via email to:

Marlea Willis at: marlearotary@gmail.com and copy PattersonRotaryNY@gmail.com

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Note: As the Rotary Club of Patterson, NY Community Service Award Scholarships is an annual award, the Board of Directors reserves the right to withdraw it at any time. This may occur even after the application process. The Rotary Club of Patterson, NY's Board of Directors need not provide any reason for its action in withdrawing any award.