

**Rotary Club of Carol Stream**  
**2025-2026 Service Above Self**  
**Academic Scholarship Application**

**Criteria for Award:**

- Carol Stream resident or a student graduating from Glenbard North High School
- Must demonstrate **financial need**
- Must demonstrate **Service to others: community, school, church, family**
- Academic achievement of “C” or better
- Well-rounded in student activities; such as government, arts, sports, clubs, etc.

**Additional Requirements**

- Applicant must plan to attend an institution of higher learning. Possibilities include a 4-year college or university, or a 2-year community college.
- Applicant may not be the child of a Carol Stream Rotarian.
- Selected applicants will be personally interviewed by a panel of Rotarians.

Completely filled out the application **due by 11:59 p.m. on February 27, 2026.**

**REMEMBER:** This application becomes valid only when the following have been submitted:

1. Fully completed application form, fully executed (signed by applicant)
2. Current grade transcripts
3. Completed Essay

## **Step 1 - Complete Application**

### **School Activities: (Clubs and/or sports)**

Activities	Years of participation (indicate 9, 10, 11, 12)

### **Work Experience:**

Place of Employment	Time of employment (i.e., June of 2020 to present)

### **Community Activities:** Youth groups, church groups, volunteer experiences

Organization Name	Time of participation (i.e., June of 2020)

**Honors or Awards:** These can be from your specific high school or community organizations. This includes membership to any honor societies (i.e., National Honor Society):

Name of Honor or Award	Year award/honor received

## **Step 2 - Complete Essay**

**Essay Question:** This is the most important piece of the application. PLEASE PUT EFFORT and THOUGHT into your response! Please type a **minimum** of one full page (two paragraphs), using double-space and 12 pt. font. Your essay may be longer. Attach the completed essay to this application.

***Please address how in the past you have been of service to others and how your future vocational plans support a life of service above self. Additionally, please explain the financial need faced by your family and in simple terms, why the Rotary Club should consider you for this award.***

### **Step 3 - Attach Essay and Transcript to Application**

#### **Certification and Permission to use “Recipient Information” to Announce Scholarship Winners**

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information may result in the termination of any scholarship granted.

I agree that if I am offered and accept an award from the Rotary of Carol Stream, the Rotary may use my name, the name of my community, the name and address of my school, the amount of the award, and the name of the post-secondary institution I will attend (my “Recipient Information”) in press releases, public announcements, and other fundraising or promotional materials in all media (including the Internet).

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent Signature (if student is less than 18 years old)*

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Social Media Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

### **Step 4 - Mail Fully Executed Application**

***Please return this form as soon as possible on or before February 27, 2026 to:***

Glenbard North High School

Attn: Ms. Erika Willis

990 Kuhn Road

Carol Stream, IL 60188