

Rotary Club of Elk Grove Village

Scholarship Information and Criteria

In recognition of their contributions to their communities and schools, the Rotary Club of Elk Grove Village awards scholarships each year to graduating high school seniors who are advancing their education in technical school, junior college, college, or university study. The scholarships are awarded based on community service, academic success, essay content, references, and interview results. **The Club intends to award at least \$10,000 in scholarships this year.**

I. CRITERIA AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Each candidate must:

- Be a current resident of the Village of Elk Grove and must also be a spring 2025 high school graduate.
- Be active in the community.
- Provide a reference verifying involvement in and commitment to the community.
- Provide an official high school transcript.
- Submit a one-page essay on part of the Rotary Four-Way Test (see last page of this packet).
- Attach a recent photograph.
- Participate in a live interview if invited by the committee.

II. ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, March 28, 2025	Scholarship application, essay, and references due electronically to: Elk Grove Village Rotary Club Vocational/Scholarship Committee c/o Rosanna DeFrenza rosannadefrenza@gmail.com with a copy to egv@nalawgroup.com Subject Line: Rotary Scholarship Application
Wednesday, April 16, 2025	Interviews for selected applicants (Elk Grove Village Hall, Room E)
Wednesday, April 30, 2025	Last expected date for notification to applicants

III. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications may be filled out using a current version of Adobe Acrobat Reader. For best results, use the “Fill & Sign” feature under Tools. Alternatively, applications may be printed and completed legibly in ink, then scanned to create an electronic file. Please limit your responses to the space provided, unless otherwise indicated on the form. Confirm with your reference that he or she has also met the deadline. **Applications, essays, references, and all supporting materials must be submitted electronically via email as set forth above by the deadline.** Paper applications will not be accepted this year.

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Rotary Scholarship Application

Email to: rosannadefrenza@gmail.com

with a copy to egv@nalawgroup.com

***Subject Line: **Rotary Scholarship Application**

Please complete this form using Adobe Reader (or print legibly in ink):

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Date of Birth _____

Please select one of the following scholarship categories to apply for:

☐ **Jud Stone Academic Scholarship:** Academic scholarships to a 4-year college or university. Named in memory of Jud Stone, a former Elk Grove Rotarian, who exemplified leadership and community involvement.

☐ **Jay Hoskins Vocational Scholarship:** Scholarships supporting graduates pursuing a technical education program. Named in memory of Jay Hoskins, a former Elk Grove Rotarian, who exemplified leadership and community involvement.

☐ **Junior College Academic Scholarship:** Scholarships for students attending a 2-year junior college.

I. High School History and Involvement.

A. Name of high school _____

B. Cumulative grade point average of _____ on a _____ scale. Class rank of _____ in a class of _____ students.

C. Academic honors, awards, and/or other vocational or academic/athletic activity recognitions:

D. Clubs, societies, sports, class offices held and years in each:

E. Where will you be enrolled following graduation from high school (college, university, or technical school)?
What course of study will you follow?

School: _____

Course of Study: _____

II. Employment History. Briefly describe your employment history, your responsibilities on the job, and number of hours worked per week.

III. Career Plans; Life Goals. Identify one of your career plans/goals and one of your life goals.

Career Plan/Goal: _____

Life Goal: _____

IV. Essay Instructions. Complete a brief essay (not to exceed 1 page) on the first element of the Rotary “Four-Way Test” based on the prompt provided (see last page of this packet). Please attach the essay to your application.

V. Community Involvement and Impact. Please list your community involvement on the following page. Start with the current year and work backward. List each event or organization you worked with, the school year (i.e., Junior year), your total hours (or hours per week, month, etc.), and your responsibilities or duties. List as many as you can in the space provided.

VI. Reference Instructions. Please provide a reference from a person in a position of authority at an event or organization that you participated in while in high school.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (ZIP Code)

VI. Applicant Signature.

The information contained in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I grant the Rotary Club of Elk Grove Village permission to publish my name, photograph, and my essay in whole or part should I be granted a scholarship.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Email to: **rosannadefrenza@gmail.com**
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Rotary Scholarship Application
Section V: Community Involvement and Impact

Organization/Event	School Year	Hours	Responsibilities/Duties

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Rotary Scholarship Reference

To Whom It May Concern,

_____ is applying for a Rotary Scholarship that will be awarded by the Rotary Club of Elk Grove Village. Your name has been listed as a reference. The scholarship committee will review each application and select scholarship recipients based on community service, academic success, essay content, references, and interview results.

Please complete this form and **email** to the addresses below **on or before April 16, 2025**

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. Describe any knowledge you have of the applicant and his/her involvement in the community and in school.

3. A primary goal for Rotary International is to promote high ethical standards in all vocations. In your opinion, is the applicant aware of the need to promote high ethical standards? How do you see this commitment in school and in the community?

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title/Position

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Rotary Scholarship Essay Prompt

Below you will find The Four-Way Test of Rotary International. These are guiding principles by which all Rotarians aspire to guide their daily lives. The essay prompt for our scholarship applicants this year is based on the first element of The Four-Way Test: Is it the truth? Please submit a one-page essay based upon the following essay prompt:

Are there some things that are true for everyone, or does each person decide what is true for oneself? What leads you to that conclusion? How would you guide a younger student looking for help to decide what is true for everyone, or else what is true for that student?



The Four-Way Test of The Things We Think, Say, and Do:

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| First: | Is it the TRUTH? |
| Second: | Is it FAIR to all concerned? |
| Third: | Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? |
| Fourth: | Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? |