

# 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 \$15,000 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 2026 high school graduate.
- Be active in the community.
- Provide a reference verifying involvement within 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 an in-person interview with the Rotary Club Vocational Committee.

### II. ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 11, 2026	Scholarship application, essay, and references due <b>electronically</b> to:  Elk Grove Village Rotary Club Vocational/Scholarship Committee c/o Rosanna DeFrenza <b>rosannadefrenza@gmail.com</b> with a copy to <a href="mailto:egv@nalawgroup.com">egv@nalawgroup.com</a> <b>Subject Line: Rotary Scholarship Application</b>
Wednesday, April 1, 2026	Interviews for selected applicants (Elk Grove Village Hall, Room E)
Wednesday, April 8, 2026	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.

# Rotary Club of Elk Grove Village Rotary Scholarship Application

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with a copy to [egv@nalawgroup.com](mailto: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: \$5,000 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. 3 Scholarship Recipients.
- Jay Hoskins Vocational Scholarship: \$1,000 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: \$1000 Scholarship** Scholarships for students attending a 2-year junior college. Not available to student eligible for Harper Promise.

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

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**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. (Reference Form Attached)

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

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# 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 1, 2026

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

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

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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?

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Signature

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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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:

**“SERVICE ABOVE SELF”**, Rotary International’s principal motto, is a guiding principle that inspires members to put others’ needs before their own and make a positive difference in their communities and the world. In a one-page essay, describe how you have applied the philosophy of volunteer service in your own life. Please provide specific examples of your leadership and volunteerism, whether in school activities, community projects, or everyday interactions. Explain how these experiences have shaped your personal values and character, and how you envision carrying forward the ideal of “Service Above Self” into your college education, future career, adult life.



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

- 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?