



2020 Service Above Self Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood is a club created to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster, high ethical standards; the application of service in one's personal, business, and community life; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through individuals united in the idea of service.

Service Above Self Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. The scholarship is to be used at a post-high school institution beginning in the fall after graduation from high school.
2. Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria, which are more fully described in the attached application:
 - Academic performance;
 - Community service and leadership exhibited within the school environment;
 - Community service and leadership exhibited outside of the school environment;
 - The student's essay concerning the importance of community service and leadership, how she/he has exhibited community service and leadership in her/his life, and how those concepts can be used to improve the quality of life in our communities.

Scholarships will be awarded to students who exhibit outstanding academic performance and community service, both within the school environment and outside of the community environment.

Instructions for Completing and Submitting the Application:

1. Fully complete and submit the attached application and required essay.
2. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation as follows:
 - a. One letter from a school teacher, counselor or administrator
 - b. One letter from a community member
3. Submit a transcript of grades (including a GPA) as well as SAT or ACT scores. A school official must sign this section as verification of the accuracy of the information provided.

Finalists will be notified the week of April 20, 2020 and may be asked to attend a personal interview (5-7 minutes in length) with the Scholarship Committee, tentatively set for the week of April 27, 2020.

Deadline for Submission: Applications must be submitted by Friday, April 10, 2020.

Submit completed application to: Highland Park High School - College Resource Center
Rotary Service Above Self Scholarship
c/o Rob Becker, College Resource Center Coordinator

Notification and Awards Ceremony: Award winner(s) will be notified by email and letter during the week of May 4, 2020. Winner(s) and their guests will be invited to attend a Rotary Club noon luncheon in early June to receive the award.

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2020 SERVICE ABOVE SELF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

GRADUATION DATE: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: _____

CRITERIA 1: COMMUNITY SERVICE/LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

PLEASE LIST: SCHOOL HONORS, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, SPORTS, AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

School Year	Honors, Sports, School Activities, Leadership Activities	Office Held (if applicable)	Est. hours per year
_____	_____	_____	_____
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CRITERIA 2: COMMUNITY SERVICE/LEADERSHIP OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT PLEASE LIST:
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, WHICH CAN INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY GROUPS, CHURCH ACTIVITIES,
NON-SCHOOL SPORTS, WORK ACTIVITIES, OR OTHER COMMUNITY ACITIVITIES, AND ANY LEADERSHIP ROLES
YOU’VE PLAYED IN THOSE ACTIVITIES

School Year	Community, Work, Church Activities & Leadership Roles	Office Held (if applicable)	Est. hours per year
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

CRITERIA 3: SCHOLASTIC PERFORMANCE

GPA: _____ ANTICIPATED CLASS RANK: _____ of _____

SAT Writing: _____ Math: _____ Critical Reading: _____

ACT: _____

HONORS/AP/ COURSES TAKEN: _____

Signature of School Official (REQUIRED): _____

CRITERIA 4: PERSONAL ESSAY The Rotary Club of Highland Park/Highwood is interested in hearing your ideas about how youth involvement in our communities can be a positive force for change. Please write and attach an essay of no more than 250 words to this application, which includes your thoughts on the following: The motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self". What does "Service Above Self" mean to you and how have you incorporated the ideals of that motto into your life?

Before you submit your application, please make sure that the following items are included:

- Enclosed, completed Rotary Academic Scholarship Application with REQUIRED signatures
- 250 word essay
- Official high school transcript and either SAT or ACT scores
- One Letter of Recommendation from a school administrator, teacher or counselor
- One Letter of Recommendation from a community member

REMEMBER: COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL CRC BY FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020!

Applicant's Signature (REQUIRED): _____ Date: _____