



Make a Difference Scholarships

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The Park Ridge Rotary Foundation is inviting high school seniors who either live in Park Ridge or attend high school in Park Ridge to apply for our ***Make a Difference Scholarship***. This is the twelfth year the Foundation has awarded the scholarships to students who have graduated from high school and will be matriculating at a college or trade school in the fall of 2017. Five scholarships were awarded in 2016 totaling \$5,000 in value (2 Maine East students, 3 Maine South students). We anticipate a similar amount this year.

Applicants will be evaluated on Rotary's motto "service above self" experience, leadership endeavors, scholastic achievement, financial need, extra-curricular activities, out-of-school jobs, responsibilities in the home, recommendation letters, and personal statements based on questions in the application. Members of the Scholarship Committee will be interested in the student's awareness of Rotary and its involvement within our community and the world.

Applications with short essay must be returned by mail or email by April 3, 2017. Applicants will be contacted for a short finalist interview by April 12th, 2017. Winners are asked to attend to a Rotary lunch for their award.

You are provided a student application in conjunction with this letter. We look forward to hearing from your interested candidates for the ***Make a Difference Scholarship***.

If you have any questions please email me at Jesse.Pleuss@gcgfinancial.com or if you need to speak my phone is 847-457-3074.

Sincerely,

Jesse F. Pleuss
Chair, Scholarship Committee

