



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 15th 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 2021. Six scholarships were awarded in 2020 totaling \$5,000 in value (Winners have gone to Maine East, Notre Dame, Maine South, and Loyola). We anticipate a similar amount this year.

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

Applications with a short essay must be emailed by 12:00pm on April 19, 2021. Finalists may be contacted for a zoom interview shortly thereafter. Winners will be announced by early May.

You are provided a student application in conjunction with this letter. We look forward to hearing from you for the ***Make a Difference Scholarship 2021***.

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