

**Rotary Club of Ojai Educational Foundation, Inc.**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Rotary Club of Ojai Educational Foundation is pleased that you are considering an application for one of the Scholarships to be awarded during the spring. Scholarships will be awarded to students whose homes are in the Ojai Valley and are graduating from a public or private high school or completing high school as a home school student. Children or Grandchildren of a member of Rotary Club of Ojai or Rotary Club of Ojai West are not eligible for scholarships. Copies of application materials are available from your school's college counselor or may be downloaded from the Rotary Club of Ojai Educational Foundation link at [www.ojairotary.org](http://www.ojairotary.org).

**Four-Year John and Ginger Wilson Scholarship.** The 2017 Wilson Scholarship is an \$80,000 scholarship divided over four years at \$20,000 per year to provide supplemental funding at an accredited four-year degree issuing college or university. The criteria for this scholarship is community service, financial need and academic excellence.

*John and Ginger Wilson shared deep-rooted core values of faith, family and friends. Strong in faith, they were not forceful with their wisdom but remained humble, gentle, and self-sacrificing. They led a life that never wavered from what was morally right or in their belief that one should give back to the larger community of your time, talent and substance as one's abilities and circumstance allowed. They were generous with their time and money when it came to the community. They believed the community should help those in need and lived out the idea that "we should help those who have less than we have." John and Ginger Wilson loved Ojai not only as a place to raise a family but also as members of a larger family contributing to make it a better place for all to live.*

In addition to the documents to accompany the College Scholarships listed below, applicants for the Wilson Scholarship must include a typed essay (no longer than 500 words) that describes how their dreams and goals for a college degree will reflect the attributes, qualities and spirit of John and Ginger Wilson.

**One-Year College Scholarships.** The twenty one 2017 College Scholarships range from \$3,000 to \$4,000 and provide supplemental funding for one year at an accredited four-year degree issuing college or university. Applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee of the Rotary Club of Ojai Educational Foundation based on merit and need as determined from the following: academic record, extra-curricular and/or out-of-school activities, and written statements.

**Applications must be completed fully and accompanied by the following documents:**

- **Student transcript (through 1<sup>st</sup> semester 12<sup>th</sup> grade)**
- **Student test scores (SAT, ACT, CEED)**
- **Student rank and total number in graduating class**
- **FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)**
- **Two recommendation letters from a teacher, counselor, employer or other acquaintance.**
- **Personal essay**
- **Paragraph on Rotary Motto "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"**

Students whose applications are selected during the initial screening may be required to participate in an interview with the members of the Scholarship Committee.

Completed applications must be **filed with your counselor** who will forward them to the Scholarship Committee. Deadline for applications to be received by the Scholarship Committee is **March 17, 2017**.