



Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Scholarship Application 2024

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary raises and sets aside funds to help people of any age who plan to pursue postsecondary education. To qualify, you must complete this application, submit it (in its entirety) by the deadline, be determined eligible, and satisfy the criteria established by Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Scholarship Committee.

If any questions are not applicable to your current situation, please attach an explanatory note referring to the questions by section. If more space is required for information on any items, you may attach additional information. Please indicate the section to which the material corresponds.

You are responsible for seeing that all supporting documents are submitted. The Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary's Scholarship Committee reserves the right to process only applications found to be complete as of the application postmark deadline: **May 1, 2024.**

REMEMBER: This application becomes valid only when all the items in the checklist have been submitted.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Application pages 2-5 completed and all required signatures on page 5
- Statement of future goals—see page 2
- Statement of financial need—see page 3
- Four-Way Test essay (or pre-arranged alternative)—see page 5 for guidelines

Please note that transcripts are not required for the application and do not need to be submitted. Please see information about alternatives to the essay on page 5.

The entire application, including the signed statements on page 4, must be submitted together to be considered. **It must be postmarked by **May 1, 2024** for consideration.**

APPLICATION SCORING

Judging for the overall application will be based on dedication to the service, community involvement, financial need, articulation of future goals, and essay content and construction. Applications will be evaluated by a volunteer committee of the Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club and the committee's decisions are final.

RETURN COMPLETED PAPER APPLICATION TO: Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Scholarship Committee
PO Box 1995
Brattleboro, VT 05301-1995

OR RETURN COMPLETED ELECTRONIC APPLICATION TO: [deborahlynn\[at\]jme.com](mailto:deborahlynn[at]jme.com)

Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Sunrise Scholarship 2024

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First name _____ Last name _____ MI _____

Mailing address: Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Phone _____ Email _____

If under 18, name(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s): _____

If under 18, parent/Guardian address (if different from applicant): Street, City, State, Zip _____

EDUCATIONAL GOALS AND FUTURE PLANS

Postsecondary school for which scholarship is requested: _____

(anticipated school of attendance)

Type of institution:

Vocational/technical school/college

Is the institution accredited? Yes No

Community college

4-year college/university

Other: (Please specify): _____

What year will you enter in your postsecondary program during coming school year?

Please indicate: Undergraduate/training _____ or Graduate _____

Do you intend to live: on campus off campus commute

Do you intend to enroll: less than half-time half-time or more full-time

Anticipated date of graduation from post-secondary program (MM/YY): _____

Major field of study you plan to pursue: _____

Current/last school attended: _____ Graduation date (MM/YY): _____

School address (City, State, Zip): _____

Do you agree to speak to the Sunrise Rotary Club about your plans and progress as time allows? Yes No

REQUIRED: Please describe briefly, below or on a separate sheet, your professional or vocational goals and how your education will further you toward those goals. (Limit to one paragraph.)

RESOURCE INFORMATION

Please complete as accurately as possible for the coming academic year (Fall 2024-Spring 2025).

Estimated expenses		Estimated resources	
Educational		Personal savings	
Personal		Family contributions	
Other		Employment earnings	
TOTAL		Financial aid (see below)	
		Other	
		TOTAL	

Anticipated financial aid

Please list below the names and amounts of any grants, scholarships, or other financial aid that you have been awarded for the coming year.

Name of award/scholarship	Amount	Granted	Pending

Is your family currently supporting any other people in post-secondary education? Yes No

REQUIRED: Please briefly describe, below or on a separate sheet, your financial needs, resources, and special circumstances as you pursue your professional or vocational goals. (Limit to one paragraph.)

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND EMPLOYMENT

Please attach a current resume or other documentation that demonstrates your dedication to service and/or the community. This might include your civic activities, community service involvement, employment, etc. If it is easier, you can also use the format below. *It is important that you provide relevant information in a way that the committee can clearly understand, however the format is up to you.*

If you do not attach a resume, please describe your work experience during the past 4 years. Indicate dates of employment in each job and approximate number of hours worked each week. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Position and employer	Dates of employment (MM/YY-MM/YY)	Average # of hours/week

If you do not attach a resume, please list all civic, community, or school activities in which you have participated during the past 4 years without pay (e.g., clubs, arts, civic groups, sports, volunteer work, etc.) Indicate all special awards and honors. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Activity	Number of years involved	Special awards, honors or positions held

ESSAY GUIDELINES

One way that Rotarians are challenged to reflect on their behavior is by using the “Four Way Test.” About anything we *think, say or do*, Rotarians are invited to ask:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Please construct an essay that applies this Four Way Test to your life. Think about a specific time, relationship, decision or event in your life when you could have applied these principles or they might have been helpful. How might these guides have impacted your thoughts, speech or action? How did what you think, say or do reflect these guides? Your essay can focus on any topic of your choice. You are encouraged to use your creativity and imagination.

Most importantly, the essay must **explicitly** address the Four Way test and apply it to the situation or event you choose. **Essays will be evaluated based on utilization and explicit application of the Four Way Test. Essays that do not reference the Four Way Test will not be considered.** Generic essays about service, community engagement, etc., will not score well in the process. Applicant creativity, organization, language and grammar usage will also be considered as part of scoring the essay.

LENGTH AND PRESENTATION

Essays should be typewritten and should be between 500 and 1,000 words. Please double- or 1.5-space text.

ALTERNATIVE TO THE ESSAY

If you are not able to construct an essay, or feel that another medium better allows you to articulate yours elf, please send an email to the committee chair at [deborahlynn\[at\]me.com](mailto:deborahlynn[at]me.com) **AT LEAST ONE WEEK** in advance of the deadline to make other arrangements, such as an interview or audio presentation.

CERTIFICATION AND PERMISSION TO USE INFORMATION TO ANNOUNCE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing this application, and in consideration of the Scholarship Committee’s review of my application, I further agree to refund to the Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club’s Scholarship Committee any monies disbursed to me prior to the committee’s discovery of the falsity of any information contained in this scholarship application.

I agree that if I am offered and accept an award from Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary and its affiliated programs, Sunrise Rotary may use my name, photograph or likeness, the name of my community, the name and address of my school, the amount of the award, and the name of the post-secondary institution I will attend (my “Applicant information”) in press releases, public announcements, and other fundraising or promotional materials. I agree to attend a Sunrise Rotary meeting to talk about my plans.

My signature below affirms that I am familiar with the Rotary Four Way Test and I understand that my essay must clearly apply this Test to be eligible for this contest.

Applicant’s Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature **(REQUIRED if applicant is less than 18 years old)** _____