

 Geneva Lake West Rotary Club

2025 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

For University and Vocational School bound students.

GUIDELINES and APPLICATION





**2025 Geneva Lake West Scholarship Guidelines**

**Scholarship Awards**

Scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants based on achievement in both their personal and academic lives. We have two pools for applicants – 1) University bound students, and 2) Vocational bound students. The two pools are evaluated separately so Vocational candidates aren’t competing vs. University bound candidates.

**Eligibility Requirements**

* Applicant must be a graduating senior or have graduated from Big Foot High School, Faith Christian High School, or Williams Bay High School.
* Applicant must be a resident of Walworth County, Wisconsin.
* Applicant must be pursuing a full-time course of studies at an accredited college, university, or state operated vocational/technical school.
* Applicants accepted to one of the government military academies are not eligible to apply.

**Selection Criteria**

* Scholastic and academic achievement
* Ability to articulate career plans
* Extracurricular activities
* Community involvement
* Other work experience
* **Demonstrating that you have lived your life by the Rotary 4-way test:**
* Is it the truth?
* Is it fair to all concerned?
* Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
* Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Awarding of scholarships will be the responsibility of the **Geneva Lake West Rotary Club** Scholarship Committee, or a separate committee appointed for this specific purpose by the Board of Directors.

Selection of scholarships shall be at the sole discretion of this committee. All applications will be considered without regard to the applicant's age, sex, race, religion, handicap or other protected categories. All applications and judging records are confidential and are the property of the **Geneva Lake West Rotary Club.** Information about the award decision process will NOT be made available. Granting of awards is dependent upon receipt of qualified applications. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

*Please submit all requirements together as one document to present to Rotary.*

*Completed applications must be postmarked on or before* ***March 21st, 2025.***

Please send completed applications to:

Geneva Lake West Rotary Club

Attn. Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 368

Walworth, WI 53184



**2025 Geneva Lake West Rotary Club Scholarship Application**

*Please type all information*

Please use schedules and attachments as needed to complete the application, keeping the sections in order as best you can to facilitate review.

Section 1 – Applicant Name and Contact Information

* Name
* Current Address
* Best Telephone Number (note mobile or fixed)
* E-Mail Address

Section 2 – Academic Information

1. High School Name:
2. Please attach a copy of your most recent academic transcript showing courses and credits earned in high school to date.
3. Please attach two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher, administrator, or counsellor at your high school, and one from the community at large (other than your parents or close relatives).

Section 3 – Post-High School Educational Plans

1. Please specify which scholarship you are applying for:

1). University 2). Vocational (Technical college etc)

1. Please list the educational institutions to which you have applied in order of preference.
2. In four or five sentences please tell us: What are your educational objectives, what do you hope to achieve by continuing your education, and how might you use the next opportunity in your future plans?



Section 4 – Extracurricular activities in High School or with outside organizations (unpaid).

1. Please list as many such activities that you consider truly significant and relevant to your application and educational objectives.
2. From this list, please tell us which two (maximum three) such activities are the most important to you. For each of these you name please describe for us in four or five sentences:
* What motivated you to engage in this activity?
* What did you learn or achieve by doing this?
* In what way did this activity help you to learn more about yourself, and help you work with and serve others?
* How has this activity informed your educational objectives and potential career choices so far?

Section 5 – Paid work experience and employment, part time or seasonal, during your high school years.

1. Please list those you consider significant and relevant to your application.
2. For each of these please tell us in four or five sentences:

* What were your primary duties and responsibilities, those for which you were accountable?
* What did you learn about yourself or working with others as a result?
* What did you achieve in the position, if relevant.
* In what way did this work experience inform your educational and career choices, either positively or negatively, as you look forward.

Section 6 – Essay

Please provide a typed, double-spaced, one page essay. This is your opportunity to answer the question “Why me?” by presenting an idea or telling a story what will help us understand your inspiration, curiosity, motivation and drive as you take the next steps in your life.



Section 7 – Applicant and Parent/Guardian Signatures

*All sections of this application must be completed. Incomplete applications will not be considered. This is the only section of the application that should be handwritten.*

By signing this document, I attest that all the information provided, as part of the application process, is complete and accurate. I agree to follow scholarship rules. I understand that awards are granted at the sole discretion of the Geneva Lake West Rotary Club and that all records and the decision process itself are the confidential property of the Geneva Lake West Rotary Club.

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Signature of Student / Applicant

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Signature of Parent or Guardian