



Rotary Club of Bluffton
Grant Application
(for requests that are \$500 or greater)

The Rotary Club of Bluffton values the work that local nonprofit organizations accomplish on behalf of our community. In an effort to comply with Rotary International's mission, we promise to review each organization's request and evaluate it using a fair and equitable assessment process.

Who We Are

Rotary International is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who come together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad.

The Rotary Club of Bluffton was chartered on April 18, 1988. Among the group of visionaries who founded the Rotary Club of Bluffton were some of the most distinguished citizens of the township. In order to forge a bond between themselves and the Bluffton community, they took to heart the motto of all Rotary Clubs, which is "Service above Self."

The first project was a community Thanksgiving Dinner and an oyster roast. The oyster roast has become one of the Club's major annual fundraisers.

The Rotary Club of Bluffton has an impressive list of annual projects, such as donating funds to benefit families who are less fortunate during the holiday season, providing relief funds for disaster victims, sponsoring exchange students, awarding scholarships, and participating in international water projects. Each month during the school year the Rotary Club of Bluffton also recognizes a "Student of the Month" with a certificate and a \$50 gift card.

The present club has approximately eighty members who meet every Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. at the Rotary Community Center in Oscar Frazier Park.

Our Motto: Service Above Self

For more than 110 years, our **guiding principles** have been: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

What We Do

Rotarians believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace

- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies

Guidelines

- The request must align with at least one of Rotary International's six areas of focus (see "What We Do" section above).
- The organization must benefit individuals and/or families that work or reside in or near Bluffton.
- Requests received between:
 - March 1-May 31 will be reviewed in June.
 - June 1-August 30 will be reviewed in September.
 - September 1-November 30 will be reviewed in December.
 - December 1-February 28 will be reviewed in March.
- Organizations are only eligible to receive funding from the Rotary Club of Bluffton once every 12 months.
- An application must be completed for all requests of \$500 or more.
- Requests for sponsorships or other types of assistance that are equal to \$499 or less will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- The maximum amount that the Rotary Club of Bluffton will provide to any organization during a 12-month period is \$5,000.
- Funding requests that benefit an individual, a political organizations, or a religious group will not be considered.
- Funding requests will be evaluated on the basis of sustainability, i.e., could the organization continue to provide this service if the Rotary Club of Bluffton chose not to fund the project in the future.
- 12-months after receiving a donation from the Rotary Club of Bluffton, recipients will be expected to complete a follow-up questionnaire stating how the funds were used to benefit the Greater Bluffton community.
- All applicants will be required to submit proof of their 501(c)(3) status, their most recent IRS form 990, a budget for the current fiscal year, a list of the organization's current board of directors, and a up-to-date balance sheet.
- *Disclaimer: Under extenuating circumstances, the Rotary Club of Bluffton's Board reserves the right to supersede the grant application guidelines.*

The Rotary Club of Bluffton looks forward to working with organizations that serve our community.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Legal Name of the Organization:

Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Website:

Name of Executive Director:

Email Address:

Application Contact and Title, if not the Executive Director:

ORGANIZATIONAL IDENTITY

Mission Statement:

Brief History of the Organization:

Scope of Activities:

How will the funds requested be used? (Please specify: How many people will benefit from the proposed activity or project? How will the individuals/families who ultimately benefit be selected? When and how will said people benefit? How does this project or activity positively impact the greater Bluffton community?)

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Amount Requested:

Have you received funds from the Rotary Club of Bluffton in the past?

If so, when?

How much funding did you receive?

How were the funds used?

I have verified the following information has been included with this completed application:

- _____ Proof of Federal Income Tax Exemption Status 501(c)(3)
- _____ IRS form 990 from the most current fiscal year
- _____ Budget for the current fiscal year
- _____ List of Board of Directors
- _____ Balance Sheet for the most current month

Signature of Applicant

Title

Date