



2024 Madison Rotary Scholarship Award Program Guidelines

Approved by Board of Directors

Rotary's motto is "Service above Self".

Madison Rotary will provide five \$1,000 scholarship awards to graduating seniors who exemplify this motto through their volunteer service activities and actions. Examples would include but not limited to participation in a service club like Interact or Key Club, participating in organized mission trips, volunteering to help others, volunteering at a community organization like the YMCA or food bank, hospital, scouting, shoveling sidewalks for seniors, raising money to benefit others, peer mentor programs, tutoring, etc.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Graduating seniors who live in Madison and attend an accredited high school are eligible to apply. (Does not have to be Madison High School). Financial need is not a consideration.

Three scholarships are based on citizenship and "Service above Self" for students attending college. One Scholarship is based on citizenship and "Service above Self" for a student planning to attend business, vocational or technical school. One scholarship is based on citizenship and "Service Above Self" for a student directly involved with Madison Rotary activities, i.e. Interact Club, Christmas Tree lot, Shred It, etc. Scholarships may be redirected to others if there are not applicants from all categories.

How to Apply:

Students apply by completing the online application answering the questions regarding their volunteer and community service activities in and out of school. Applicants should be as thorough and complete as possible describing the activities and or services you provided. If you served in a leadership capacity, please be sure to include that information. The deadline for submission is Sunday, April 30, 2024

Selection Process:

The goal of the selection process is to identify five applicants (scholarship winners) whose volunteer activities and services has significantly affected the lives of individual(s) in a positive way and at the same time helped the applicant understand the significance and importance of their volunteer activities.

All scholarship applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Selection committee and applications will be ranked on a scale of 1 to 5. The top 10 highest ranked applications will receive a personal interview the week of May 13, 2024. Interviews will be either in at Madison High School in the guidance department.

Five of the ten finalist will be selected to receive a \$1,000 award/scholarship. The awards will symbolically be presented at Madison High School awards night. The actual checks will be presented Thursday, July 11, 2024, at a meeting of the Madison Rotary held at the YMCA. Applicants and parents will be invited to attend.

Scholarship Selection Committee:

The Scholarship Selection will be composed of 8 – 10 members of Madison Rotary. Members will include the Scholarship Committee Chair, Madison Rotary President, a member of the Youth Services Committee and other interested members who desire to participate in the program. Any committee member who is a relative of any applicant will need to recuse themselves from the committee.

Email Application to:

Email application to Barry Kroll, Scholarship Chair at scholarship@madisonrotarynj.org

Or – Snail Mail to:

Barry Kroll
Scholarship Chair
27 Laurel Way
Madison NJ 07940

Email attachment must be in either doc, docx or pdf format.

JPG or Google Doc format are not accepted

Deadline for Submission:

DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2024



Madison Rotary 2024 Scholarship Application Calendar

| Date | Activity | Responsible |
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| January | Madison Rotary reviews scholarship program and philosophy for the current year | Barry Kroll |
| February | Communicate scholarship program to Madison High School including calendar, selection process, interview calendar, website link | Barry Kroll |
| March | Identify/Select scholarship committee members | Barry Kroll |
| March 11, 2024 | 1 st Press release to local papers | Kwisha Baxi |
| April 08, 2024 | 2 nd Press release to local papers | Kwisha Baxi |
| Mar 1 – Apr 30 | Scholarship application period | Student Applicant |
| April 30, 2024 | Deadline for scholarship applications | Student Applicant |
| May 6, 2024 | Application ranking by committee members | Scholarship Selection Committee |
| Week of May 6th | Communicate to students' status of their application, accepted for interview, rejected, etc. | Barry Kroll |
| Week of May 6th | Communicate to MHS status of scholarship application process, secure help with interview schedule | Barry Kroll |
| Week of May 6th | Set up interview schedule - communicate/schedule with students | Barry Kroll and MHS Guidance Department |

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| May 14, 2024 | Student Interviews | Scholarship Selection Committee |
| May 15, 2024 | Notify students of the outcome of their interview. | Barry Kroll |
| May 16, 2024 | Notify various High Schools of which students will be awarded scholarships | Barry Kroll |
| TBD | Madison Rotary President or President Elect attends MHS Scholarship Awards presentation to present Rotary scholarships | Doug Willis / Lois Bhatt |
| July 11, 2024 | Students attend meeting of Madison Rotary to introduce themselves and receive scholarship checks (in person or Zoom – TBD) | Barry Kroll / Lois Bhatt |