

## Richardson Rotary Scholarship Program



In 1983, through its Scholarship Program, the Richardson Rotary Club began awarding college scholarships to worthy high school students. The Richardson Rotary Foundation was founded in 1991 in order to expand the program through contributions from other sources.

**Q.** What is the Foundation's Purpose?

**A.** We want to help ensure the future of our community for years to come, by providing financial assistance to worthy students. We hope that Rotarians and non-Rotarians – along with small business owners, individuals, and large corporate givers – will find merit in supporting this effort by contributing to the Scholarship Program.

**Q.** Who benefits from the Foundation?

**A.** Worthy area high school seniors benefit from the Foundation's grants of financial aid for tuition, student fees, books, and personal living expenses. You benefit by helping students as they pursue their educations.

**Q.** How are scholarships awarded?

**A.** A selection committee requires each applicant to submit a biographical record. These factors are considered: SAT and/or ACT test scores, class standing, academic achievement, letters of recommendation (three), a statement of educational plans and financial need, extracurricular activities and community service. Each year, ten to fifteen candidates are individually interviewed based on a written submission of the above.

**Q.** What scholarships have been awarded in the past?

**A.** Since 1983, the Foundation has awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarship money to graduating seniors from Berkner, Richardson and Pearce high schools. The Foundation currently awards three \$5,000 scholarships annually, each paid over four years. Grades and reports of the courses taken are reviewed by the Richardson Rotary Foundation each semester and verified by the educational institution. Students must show that they are carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours per

semester, maintain a passing grade-point average, attend (and address) one Richardson Rotary Club meeting per year, and suitably represent our community.

**Q.** What do past scholarship recipients say?

**A.** Charles Grimm, a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin:

*"The Richardson Rotary Foundation Scholarship provided me with much more than the financial assistance I was grateful to receive; it brought me into a world class organization of charitable and gregarious professionals who took a genuine interest in my personal, educational, and professional development. And now – 10 years since I was awarded the scholarship – I still feel a close bond with the club that sponsored me, and continue to appreciate the warm welcome they give me when I stop by the club to catch up and keep them apprised of my continuing success."*

**Q.** How can I participate?

**A.** Contact one of our Richardson Rotary Foundation trustees listed here. They will answer any questions you may have regarding the Foundation and Scholarship Program. If you have or know a student who may be interested in the scholarship program, please contact us:

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Help ensure everyone's future by contributing to the Richardson Rotary Scholarship Program. We all benefit when worthy students continue their educations!

Thank you!