



**Jerry Rogers Career & Technical Education
Scholarship**

Presented by the De Soto Rotary

&

Mike Rogers

2026

Application

Scholarship Details

The De Soto Rotary recognizes the current high demand for a skilled and hands on workforce. Many of today's skilled job opportunities are in high demand and are left unfilled. For those graduates that are considering a career trade path, the De Soto Rotary together with long time member Mike Rogers offer a one-time, \$2,000 scholarship to a deserving high school senior from the Class of 2026 who plans to continue their education through a technical certification program.

Mike lost his mother, Geraldine (Jerry) Rogers last year. She attended and really loved our Bingo at the Barn Rotary event. Donations were received at her funeral. Mike and his brother Jeff added additional funds to enable this one time \$2000 trade scholarship offering.

The De Soto Rotary will review the scholarship applications and notify all of the applicants of our decision. We will present the selected applicant the award at the De Soto High School Senior Awards ceremony on May 13th, 2026.

After receiving verification of the award recipient's acceptance and enrollment in an educational program for the fall of 2026, the check will be presented to the recipient at a Friday morning De Soto Rotary meeting.

Requirements

Applicants should be 2026 graduates from De Soto High School.

The award recipient is required to present a verbal report to the De Soto Rotary the following year, summarizing your educational experience and your progress toward attaining your goals.

The 3 part application must be received no later than April 30, 2026. You may write or type your own version of the application below. However, it needs to contain the same: (1)information, (2)answers, and (3)essay as requested on this application form. Files may be Microsoft Word, Apple Pages, or PDF, and can be created or scanned.

The completed application must be emailed to:

bobzindler@icloud.com

Should you have any questions, email them to the address above. You may also text or call Bob Zindler at 913.717.3066.

The 2026 Jerry Rogers Rotary Scholarship Application

Part 1

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Part 2

Have you attended a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference?

List any community, church, scouting, and school service work.

List your extra-curricular activities and the years you participated.

List any honors or awards you have received for schoolwork, athletics, church, scouting, community projects, etc.

The technical or professional certification program in which you plan to enroll and your reason for selecting the specific career path.

Part 3

Attach a 250 word or less essay on the following topic:

What role did community service play during your High School Years?