

2016 - 2017
ROTARY CLUB OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Rotary Club of Wilmington, Delaware offers four-year college scholarships of up to \$3,500 per year, with the initial amount determined by the number of scholarships offered and the income from the endowment that supports them. These scholarships are awarded to students who are about to enter their freshman year of college and will be renewed automatically if the student fulfills his or her academic requirements. No student will be funded for more than four years.

It is Rotary's goal to support individuals who will become academic and civic leaders in their field and community, reflecting Rotary International's Four Way Test:

Of the things we think, say or do:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build good will and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

DUE DATE AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

In order to be considered for an award beginning in the Fall of this coming academic year, applicants must submit a completed application, including all required attachments to the Rotary Club of Wilmington by **Monday, April 18, 2016 at 5:00pm**

Note: We ask that the complete application and all attachments be emailed to the Rotary Office with the name of the student in the email subject line (e.g., "Scholarship Application for John Q Smith").
Email address: scholarships@rotarywilmington.org

If emailing is not possible, please mail or deliver to the Rotary Office

Mail: Scholarship Committee Rotary Club of Wilmington P.O. Box 685
Wilmington, DE 19899

Office: 1007 N. Market Street, DG-2, Wilmington, DE 19801

Phone: 302-655-6025

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration, the applicant *must be*:

- * a resident of New Castle County;
 - * a high school senior attending a public or private school in New Castle County;
 - * formally admitted and committed to a public or private college or university for the upcoming academic year. It is not required that the college or university be located in Delaware.
- **Children of Rotary Club of Wilmington members are not eligible to apply.

SELECTION CRITERIA

In selecting award winners, the Scholarship Committee will consider the following factors:

- academic achievement in the form of high school grades, SAT scores, honors and awards, and other evidence of scholarly excellence;
- financial need based on family income and on the financial aid package provided by the college or university;
- participation and leadership roles in extracurricular activities;
- service to the community over and above requirements for school credit, including volunteerism and/or employment.

PROCEDURES OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee members will assess the completed applications in accordance with the criteria listed above

1. Up to 10 finalists will be invited for in-person interviews with the committee between 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24 or Wednesday, May 25, 2016.
2. Following the interviews, award winners will be selected.
3. When the process is complete, award winners will be notified by telephone and mail that they have been awarded a scholarship. These letters should arrive on or before June 3, 2016.

If you have any questions or would like to request additional copies of the announcement or application form, please call the Rotary Club Office (302) 655-6025.

You may access a copy of this application on our WEBSITE.

The address is: www.rotarywilmington.org

**ROTARY CLUB OF WILMINGTON
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION FORM**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

The application form and all materials submitted with it will be seen only by the Rotary Executive and the Scholarship Committee. **Please obscure social security numbers on any required document.** In addition to the completed application form, the following seven attachments **must be** submitted by the due date:

1. a transcript of the applicant's academic record;
2. a copy of the applicant's SAT scores;
3. at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher or other school official that includes an evaluation of the applicant's potential for leadership and scholarstic achievements (*to be emailed separately, confidentially, and directly by the school official to scholarships@rotarywilmington.org*);
4. a letter written by the applicant setting forth the reasons why he/she plans to attend college and how that experience will lead to future benefits for the applicant and others;
5. the Student Aid Report (SAR) that is produced after completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
6. the letter provided by the financial officer of the admitting college or university detailing the financial package being offered to the applicant;
7. statement written by the applicant's parent or guardian providing any additional information about the student that Rotary should consider (OPTIONAL).

FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

Download and save the Scholarship Application to your computer. Fill out using Adobe Reader. The fields outlined in red are required fields. If you do not have any information for a required field, type "NA." You will be asked to sign this form, and we ask that you send it via email to scholarships@rotarywilmington.org by the due date of Monday, April 18, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

SECTION A: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Unless otherwise indicated, all questions must be answered in full.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Current High School Applicant is Attending:

Grade Point Average/Fall 2015 (This must correspond to GPA on transcript): _____

SAT Scores: Mathematics: _____ **Verbal:** _____ **Writing:** _____

Class Rank: _____

Advanced Placement or Honors Courses:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Academic Honors, Awards, Honor Societies:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Extracurricular Activities and/or Employment (please explain in applicant's essay):

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|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Community Service Activities (please explain in applicant's essay):

- | | |
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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

SECTION B: College Costs

College or University Applicant Will Attend: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

College Major: _____

Second Major or Minor (if any): _____

Name/Contact (if any) at College Financial Aid Office: _____

Cost of Attendance for upcoming academic \$ _____
year (as noted on Financial Award Letter):

Note: Rotary scholarships are intended to defray direct instructional costs and basic living expenses. They cannot be used to cover supplemental expenses, such as parking permits, single-occupancy room supplements, or travel between campus and home.

SECTION C: Other Scholarships, Grants, or Other Awards Pending

Use this section if you have submitted an application for funding, but have not yet received a reply:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Renewable</u> (Y or N)
_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	\$ _____	_____

Section D: FAMILY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

If a parent or guardian was not employed outside the home in the current year, please write "None" on the line for "Employer" and skip to the next applicable item.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Name of Father or Guardian: _____

Address (if different from applicant's): _____

Home Telephone Number (if different from applicant's): _____

E-mail Address (optional): _____

Employer: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Job Title: _____

Telephone Work Number: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN

Name of Mother or Guardian: _____

Address (if different from applicant's): _____

Home Telephone Number (if different from applicant's): _____

E-mail Address (optional): _____

Employer: _____

Employer's Address: _____

Job Title: _____

Work Telephone Number: _____

SECTION E: Statement by Parent or Guardian (OPTIONAL)

In the space below please say anything you think would be helpful about the applicant's academic achievements, community service, motivation, potential, character, or financial need. You may also cut and paste your comments from another document to this space, below.

CERTIFICATION:

We hereby certify that the information supplied herein is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Signature of Father or Guardian: _____

Signature of Mother or Guardian: _____

SECTION F: CONFIDENTIAL LETTER(S) OF RECOMMENDATION

Applicants must include at least one confidential letter of recommendation from a teacher or other school official that includes an evaluation of the applicant's achievements, potential for leadership and contributing citizenship.

This letter is to be submitted *directly and confidentially* by the school official to the Rotary office via email (scholarships@rotarywilmington.org). *The school official should include the name of the student in the email subject line.*

Because it will not be part of the package that the student submits to Rotary, it is important that the student check with the school official to see that the recommendation gets to Rotary by the due date of April 18, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.

Students may want to share information about scholarships from the Rotary Club of Wilmington with the person who will be making the recommendation.

Applicant's Letter

Type or Copy & Paste Applicant's Letter

Transcript of Academic Grades

Copy & Paste Academic Transcript

Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA

Copy & Paste Student Aid Report

Letter from College Financial Officer Detailing Financial Package

Copy & Paste Financial Officer's Letter

REMINDERS: The application will not be considered complete without the following 7 attachments:

1. _____ a transcript of the applicant's academic record;
2. _____ a copy of the applicant's SAT scores;
3. _____ at least one letter of recommendation from teacher or other school official that includes an evaluation of the applicant's achievements, potential for leadership and contributing citizenship (*to be submitted directly and confidentially via email to the Rotary Office by the school official*);
4. _____ a letter written by the applicant setting forth the reasons why he/she plans to attend college and how that experience will lead to future benefits for the applicant and others;
5. _____ copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA;
6. _____ the letter provided by the financial officer of the college or university detailing the financial package being offered to the applicant;
7. _____ statement written by the applicant's parent or guardian providing any additional information about the student that Rotary should consider (optional).

APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION, INCLUDING ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS, BY MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2016 AT 5:00PM.

Emailed applications should include the name of the student in the subject line.