

2023 Rotary Club of Cranston Community Service Scholarship



February 8, 2023

Cranston Area High Schools
Re: 2023 Cranston Rotary Scholarship

Once again, the Cranston Rotary Club will award four scholarships to one graduating senior from each of the four Cranston High Schools. Students are invited to apply to our scholarship before April 28th, 2023. The scholarship awards will be announced in May. The financial amount varies each year depending upon the success of our club's fundraising efforts.

All applications will be reviewed by a committee of Rotarians. Please complete all items listed in the application process; incomplete applications will not be considered.

You will notice that volunteer service is an important part of our application process. Through this process we hope to help hard working students gain a college education, but also hope to promote volunteerism in our Cranston community. Please review the National Rotary Website to understand exactly what our organization does and its values. (<https://www.rotary.org>)

We look forward to receiving many outstanding applications for the Cranston Rotary Scholarship.

Sincerely,

Ray Butterfield

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The Cranston Rotary Club
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Scholarship Proposal Cover Sheet

Date:

Last Name of Applicant:

First Name of Applicant:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Parent/Guardian:

Address:

Telephone:

High School:

Guidance Counselor:

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Submittal item	Potential scoring points	Actual scoring points
Verification of 3.0 grade point average from guidance & College acceptance letter	10	
Verification of volunteer service (40 hours)	30	
Two letters of recommendation (guidance and service org.)	10	
Essay	40	
Applicant's interests, work history and goals	10	
TOTAL SCORE	100	

The Cranston Rotary Club Community Service Scholarship Grant was established to assist graduating seniors from each of the four Cranston area high schools to pursue a two- or four-year collegiate degree. This year, one senior from Cranston High School East, Cranston High School West, the Cranston Area Career & Technical Center and NEL/CPS Construction and Career Academy will be eligible to receive a Cranston Rotary Club Community Service Scholarship provided they meet the criteria outlined below.

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About the Rotary Club of Cranston

What are the benefits of being a Rotarian? The benefits include serving the community, networking, and friendships, and promoting ethics and leadership skills. We are a charitable organization comprised of business and professional leaders dedicated to serving through volunteerism in our community. The Cranston Rotary Club has worked on projects relating to hunger, health, environmental concerns, literacy, vocational assistance, drug abuse, and helped assist youth, the developmentally disabled and the elderly.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Cranston Rotary Club is to provide service to others in our community, uphold the mission of Rotary International, and promote high ethical standards and goodwill through fellowship among our members and our community.

Vision Statement

The vision of the Cranston Rotary Club is to be recognized throughout the Rhode Island for our commitment to Service-Above Self and to advance understanding, goodwill and service to the community.

Motto

Service-Above Self

About Rotary International

What would it take to change the world? Each local Rotary Club is part of a much larger organization, Rotary International, which first began in Chicago, Illinois on February 23, 1905.

Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary Club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto Service-Above Self.

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Criteria:

Applications will not be accepted unless all criteria are met and included in the application.

1. Verification of at least a 3.0 overall GPA from your guidance counselor.
2. A copy of the acceptance letter from the school you plan to attend.
3. A letter of verification of community service hours and description of the role performed from the community service provider. A minimum of 40 hours of community service in your junior and senior year (a portion of these hours may be fulfilled the summer preceding your junior or senior year).
4. Two letters of recommendation (one from your guidance counselor & one from your community service organization).
5. An essay about one of your most positive service-oriented experiences during your HS years.

*Please include in your essay how your experience aligns with the beliefs and areas of focus of Rotary International. We have identified specific causes to target to maximize our local and global impact. At the same time, we understand that each community has its own unique needs and concerns. More information can be found at <https://www.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/areas-focus>

6. Tell us about yourself! Share your interests, work history, professional and personal goals, and how this financial scholarship will help you and your family.

Completed applications should be mailed address below or emailed to raymondb@cox.net by April 28, 2023.

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Application Review Process:

Applications must be received at the Rotary address or email inbox by **Friday, April 29, 2022**. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications that meet the criteria outlined above will be forwarded to the Cranston Rotary Executive Board for review at its May 2021 board meeting. Applicants chosen for the scholarship awards will be notified in May. For further information on the scholarship program, please contact Raymond Butterfield at raymondb@cox.net.

_____/ Date _____
Student Signature

_____/ Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

