

Rotary Club of La Crosse Service Above Self Awards

Effective with the 2018-19 School Year, the Rotary Club of La Crosse is changing the criteria and process for awarding funds to graduating seniors who are pursuing higher education. These awards were previously administered through the Rotary Works Foundation, but now will be handled directly by the Rotary Club of La Crosse through its Youth Committee.

Rotary Club of La Crosse Service Above Self Award:



- One award of \$1,000 per La Crosse high school (strong preference for a single award, but may be split into 2 awards of \$500 each).
 - Award goes to a graduating senior who has been accepted into a post-secondary college or university.
 - Student must have good academic standing, financial need **and** good character.
 - Selection based on the student's volunteer work in school and/or community. Service may include: active participation in the school's Rotary Interact Club; helping other students; volunteer work in school organizations or with community agencies; projects with faith groups, community youth groups and/or the elderly.
- 1) Selection will be made by the guidance or counseling staff, or scholarship selection committee, of Aquinas High School, Central High School, and Logan High School.
 - 2) After the student is selected, the Rotary Club of La Crosse will be notified and will have the option to attend an award ceremony to present a certificate in recognition of the student.

PLEASE NOTIFY: Youth Committee Chair David Stoeffler by emailing him at david@lacrosseeducationfoundation.org or calling (608) 787-0226.
 - 3) The \$1,000 award itself will be presented as a check written out to the selected student -- but only when the student submits a copy of a transcript or similar official report showing completion of the first semester of post-secondary education. (NOTE: This allows the student to use the money toward any college expenses, not just toward the tuition bill.)
 - 4) In order to receive the award, students will be required to submit a federal W-9 (taxpayer identification and certification) form. Awards must generally be reported as taxable income to the recipient. Award winners are responsible for any taxes due. The Rotary Club of La Crosse will issue a federal 1099 form to the recipient at the end of the year.
 - 5) The student will be strongly encouraged to accept an invitation to attend a meeting of the Rotary Club of La Crosse following the completion of the first semester of school, allowing the club to recognize the student and present the check at that time.