



## **2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET**

Statement of purpose: The Allendale Rotary Club has established a scholarship program. Our goal is to assist Allendale residents who are high school seniors, who have been accepted and will be attending a Michigan college in the fall immediately following their high school graduation.

Qualification: All candidates are judged on their merit. Primary consideration is given to individuals who have demonstrated leadership, citizenship, volunteerism and involvement in school and/or community activities. There must be evidence of a strong desire to succeed.

Giving of the Scholarship Awards: A committee, comprised of Allendale Rotary Club members, will select the recipient(s) of the \$1,000.00 award. The recipient(s) will be invited to attend an Allendale Rotary meeting and honors ceremony in May to receive their scholarship award. **Upon acceptance of the Scholarship Award, recipient(s) agree to give 10 hours of volunteer time to this local Rotary Club as a way to become involved in Rotary and give back to the community for this support.**

Application Requirements:

- A student information profile.
- An essay on the Rotary's motto, which is "Service Above Self".
- A copy of the student's transcript.
- Two letters of personal recommendation.
- A letter of acceptance to a Michigan college or university for Fall 2020.

Procedures and Guidelines:

- Each school will publicize scholarship announcement and availability.
- Applicants are responsible for timely completion of all requirements.
- Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline of April 14, 2020, will be disqualified.

Completed application requirements should be submitted to:

**By mail:**

Allendale Rotary Club  
PO Box 110  
Allendale MI 49401

**By personal delivery:**

Dr. Garth Cooper  
Allendale Public School Superintendent  
10505 Learning Lane  
Allendale, MI 49401



## **ROTARY BACKGROUND**

Rotary began as an idea more than 100 years ago. Today, Rotary flourishes worldwide with 1.2 million members in more than 200 countries and geographic areas. The world's first club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed in 1905 by Paul P. Harris, an attorney who wished to capture in a professional club, the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The Rotary name is derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among member's offices.

Rotary popularity spread, and within decades, clubs were chartered from San Francisco to New York to Winnipeg, Canada. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents.

The Allendale Rotary Club was established on March 5, 2009. The club currently has 14 members.

## **OUR COMMITMENT TO ALLENDALE**

Since its inception in 2009, the Allendale Rotary Club has supported initiatives within the Allendale Community to better serve our children and families. The Club annually raises funds for the Amazing Reading Bus which provides literacy opportunities to children throughout the community. Allendale Rotary Funds have also gone to support the Splash pad in the Allendale Park as well as the Back to School Fair and various local non-profit groups.

The Rotary Club has sent several students to an annual Life Leadership Conference to develop leadership skills and continues to focus on the importance of continuing education by providing scholarships each year.

It is our hope that our service to Allendale will make a positive impact for generations to come and will inspire others to service as well.

## **2019-2020 ALLENDALE ROTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President: Dr Garth Cooper  
President Elect: Kimberly Blum  
Secretary: Rochell Prah  
Treasurer: Lindsey Briones

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION STUDENT INFORMATION PROFILE SHEET

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's  
Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a digital photo image for press release!

Please sign below and check Yes or No if we have your permission to include your full name with photo for the purpose of publication that will also be posted on our Rotary website/ Facebook page.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

Yes, you have my permission to publish my full name with photo for press release on the Rotary website and other Rotary publications.

No, I do not wish for my full name, only first name with last initial, to be published in correspondence with my photo for press release and website publication.

We appreciate your cooperation and consideration in this matter.



## ALLENDALE ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ESSAY

The Rotary motto is "Service Above Self". What does this mean to you and what have you done in your community, school, church, and/or club(s) to exemplify this motto?

\*Essay must be typed and must not exceed 1,000 words.

\*\*Essay should be attached to this page.

**Submitted by:**

(Print name of student)

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**Signature:**

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**Date:**

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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

Please submit this request to your high school counselor. If you are a home school student, please submit a listing of all courses completed.

**I hereby authorize:** \_\_\_\_\_ (school) to release a copy of the transcript

**For:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Student's name printed)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include your first hand knowledge of how the applicant has demonstrated leadership, citizenship, and service in school, community, church, and/or club activities. You may wish to detail other information to support the character and integrity of this applicant.

Please attach your letter of recommendation to this form.



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## 2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

It is your responsibility to see that all requested items have been submitted to the Allendale Rotary Club **by April 14, 2020**.

Submissions may be made in one of the three ways:

By mail:

Allendale Rotary Club  
PO Box #110  
Allendale MI 49401

By personal delivery:

Dr. Garth Cooper  
Allendale Public School Superintendent  
Allendale Public School Central Office  
10505 Learning Lane  
Allendale, MI 49401

By email:

[coopergar@apsfalcons.net](mailto:coopergar@apsfalcons.net)

Items to include in submission packet:

- Student Information Profile Sheet (p.3)
- An essay on the Rotary's motto "Service Above Self" (p.4)
- A copy of the student's transcript (p.5)
- Two letters of personal recommendation (pp. 6-7)
- A letter of acceptance from a Michigan college or university for Fall 2020.