

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PERRY WINSTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Rotary Club of Leesburg, through the Perry Winston Scholarship Fund, annually awards scholarships to high school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited college/university or community college. In 2026, we will award up to three (3) \$16,000 scholarships distributed over 4 years. All scholarship awards are paid directly to the award recipient's college/university or community college. Students must remain in good standing with the academic institution they are enrolled at.

QUALIFICATIONS to receive scholarship:

- Graduating seniors from **Loudoun County High School, Tuscarora High School** and **Heritage High School**, who have been enrolled for at least two years
- Financial need
- Quality of the essay, and how it conveys your demonstrated community service and service to others, past, present and projected in the future
- Academic achievement and receipt of transcript
- Willingness to participate in a personal interview, if selected as one of the finalists
- Acceptance to an accredited university, college or community college

To assure all applicants are qualified, each application will be reviewed by members of the Rotary Club of Leesburg Perry Winston Scholarship Fund board.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Application Deadline: Thursday, April 9, 2026, 5 p.m.

Please email your completed application, including documents for sections II, III and IV, to perrywinstonscholarship@gmail.com.

I. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Cell Number

Email Address

*Should you be selected to participate in phase two of this competitive process, how would you preferred to be contacted? text email phone

Of the college/university applications you have submitted, what are your top three choices? Please indicate if you have already been accepted to any of them.

II. ESSAY

In 500 words or fewer, please tell us how you exemplify “Service Above Self.” **Please give attention to the specifics of how you live this motto in you daily life and how you would use your college experience to advance your personal service objectives.**

III. SCHOOL, FAMILY, and COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please list and/or describe your involvement in service activities through school, family, sports team, civic organizations, places of worship, or other avenues of service.

IV. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Please attach a copy of your official high school transcript (Grades 9-12).

V. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(Completion of this financial statement is required. The FAFSA is not a substitute and is not required, but it may be requested if you are selected for an interview.)

1. Student Employment

During the last two years, did you work? (List full- or part-time work during the last two years, and what were your average weekly earnings, if any.) Did you save any amount of money toward higher education?

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Work</u>	<u>Employed From/To</u>	<u>Weekly Earnings</u>
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Total amount saved for higher education: \$ _____

2. Family Income

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Annual Income</u>
Father _____	\$ _____
Mother _____	\$ _____
Other* _____	\$ _____

*For example, Social Security, Veteran's benefits, income of other family members, investment income.

3. What do you estimate your annual expenses will be? (\$ amount)

Tuition & Fees \$ _____ Room & Board \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

4. How do you plan on paying for higher education annually? (\$ Amounts)

Family \$ _____ Scholarship \$ _____

Loans \$ _____ Student Employment \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

5. Other dependents in Family

<u>Relationship</u> (brother, sister...)	<u>Age</u>	<u>If student, name of school</u>
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I/We declare the information in this application and financial statement to be true and accurate, to the best of my/our knowledge and authorize the release of my transcript.

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent/Guardian

The Rotary Club of Leesburg

A Strong Commitment to Education

The Rotary motto is “Service Above Self.” Rotarians throughout the world live this motto in their daily lives. They demonstrate exemplary humanitarian service, in many forms and at many levels, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others.

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Our Club provides support to a variety of charitable endeavors in our community and in the world, including maternal and child health, relieving hunger, and eliminating polio from the face of the earth. We are especially committed to youth and education.

In 1985, some Rotarians proposed to the Rotary Board to start the scholarship fund, and members of the club, including Perry Winston, generously contributed to the original funding of it. Over the years, the scholarship fund has been supported by members of the club and some Rotarians, such as Ellen Wall and Jewell Emswiler, contributed to the fund with special donations.

To date, the fund has awarded over \$671,000 to 95 recipients.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or do

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

More information about the Rotary Club of Leesburg, including how to apply for membership, may be found at www.leesburg-rotary.org

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