

Rotary Club of Scarborough, Maine  
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The Rotary Club of Scarborough, Maine is pleased to announce that it will be awarding financial scholarships to eligible graduating seniors in 2025. Rotary International is made up of over 1.2 million members worldwide, all subscribing to the ideal of **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**. The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise. In addition to other scholarships awarded by Rotary International, the Scarborough Rotary Club is excited to offer this local scholarship to graduating seniors who have found their own way of contributing to their communities by fostering the ideals of service, volunteerism, high ethical standards, and the overall values of Rotary International.

**Eligibility:**

The following is a list of eligibility requirements that any applicant must meet before being considered for this award. A qualified applicant must:

1. Be a full time resident of the town of Scarborough, Maine.
2. Be a graduating senior in good academic standing (2.5 GPA or higher) from an accredited school or home school.
3. Have been accepted to a certificate or degree program at an accredited institution for post secondary education in trade following graduation.
4. Submit a complete application by the application deadline.
5. Not be an immediate family member of a current or former Rotarian in the Scarborough Rotary Club. Immediate family member shall be defined as a student living within the same household.

**Selection Process:**

Selections will be made by the scholarship committee of the Scarborough Rotary Club. The committee is made up of a chairperson and members appointed by the club president. The final number and financial amount of each award will be determined by the scholarship committee and may vary from year to year.

**Award Requirements:**

In order to receive funds from an award, recipients must notify the treasurer of the Scarborough Rotary Club upon completion of their first semester of school following graduation. A transcript demonstrating the student has earned a GPA of 2.5 or greater or equivalent to that in trade school while in a full-time status (as defined by the school) will be required before funds are released. It is becoming increasingly popular for students to take a

“gap” year or other time off after graduating high school. Students electing to take time off before continuing their education will not be eligible for funds until they have completed one semester of schooling. It is highly recommended that any student planning on taking time off from school contact an officer of the Rotary Club as soon as reasonably possible to avoid forfeiting their award. Additionally, any awards granted to students have an expiration date of two years from the time of graduation even if portions of the award have already been issued.

**EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:**

- A recommendation or letter of reference addressing personal knowledge of the student’s commitment to service.
- Transcript for all four (4) years of High School showing a GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- An essay (minimum 250 words) answering one of the questions below.**

**Rotary’s 4-Way Test** is a guide to good ethical standards in the choices we make.

Explain what this test means to you. It states:

*“Of the things we think, say, or do...*

*1) Is it the truth, 2) Is it fair to all concerned, 3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships, and 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned.”*

1. Explain how your commitment to service and community has changed your view of the world we live in.
2. Rotary International is made up of over 1.2 million people who believe changing the world begins with a commitment to “Service Above Self.” What does that commitment mean to you?
3. In your service to the community, give an example of where you felt you had made a difference or affected a change for the better.

**Deadline for Application is:**

**Friday APRIL 10th, 2026**

# Rotary Club of Scarborough, Maine Application for Scholarship

Name of Applicant:

Address:

Telephone:

Date of Birth:

Name(s) of Parent/Guardian:

Name of (trade) school to be attended after graduation:

Field of Interest:

Letter of Reference from (Name and Relationship to Applicant, 1 required)

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Applicant's Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date \_\_\_\_\_

**In addition to written essay, please provide the following information if applicable.**

List service projects, organizations and activities:

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List special honors or awards received for service related activities:

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List service-based organization offices held in high school:

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List community-based service activities:

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List any work (for compensation) experience:

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List any additional information you feel is pertinent to this scholarship:

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