Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation
2026 College Scholarship Program

General Information

The Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Foundation offers grants for study in any accredited post-high school educational institution. A grant of $3,000 toward the cost of one year's tuition will be awarded to each of seven recipients. Payments will be made to the institution for the recipient, with the understanding that the recipient will remain enrolled in the institution for the full year.

Eligibility

An applicant must:

- Be a member of the 2026 graduating class of any accredited high school, and a resident of the Lakewood or Rocky River city school district;
- Show a history of academic success in his/her high school career;
- Have applied to a specific college, university, community or junior college, or trade or professional school;
- Have no direct relationship to a Rotarian or Honorary Rotarian (i.e., child or grandchild by blood or by legal adoption).

Basis of Selection

1. Evidence of need for financial assistance, demonstrated by providing the "Student Air Index" (SAI) results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that can be obtained from the school counselor, a public library or on-line at https://www.usa.gov/fafsa
2. Community involvement and service
3. Demonstrated qualities of leadership, honesty, loyalty, and diligence
4. Scholastic achievement in high school
5. Participation in extracurricular activities

Procedure for Submitting an Application

- Download and install Adobe Reader DC.
- Download the scholarship application from https://lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org/ and save it to your hard drive. (This will enable you to save a partially completed application and return to it later for updating/completion.)
- Open the saved application on the hard drive using Adobe Reader DC.
- Select "Fill Sign and Send" before starting on the application.
- Throughout the process, the student should save the application as "Student Last Name Student First Name 2026 Application" (example: Doe John 2026 Application).
- When completed, the application should be emailed to scholarships.lrrrotary@gmail.com you will receive a confirmation email that your application has been submitted successfully.
- Applicants are responsible for arranging for their high school to send their transcript to the same email address, using a similar naming convention (Doe John 2026 Transcript).
- An application will be reviewed only if it is complete, signed by the applicant and a parent/ guardian, and the applicant's most recent academic transcript has been received.
- All materials must be **submitted no later than 12:00 p.m. EDT Monday, April 13, 2026**.
- After reviewing all valid applications, the Committee will select semi-finalists. On Wednesday, April 29, the Committee will conduct a 15-minute virtual interview with each semi-finalist in order to determine scholarship recipients.
- All applicants will be notified no later than May 5, 2026 about the result of their applications.
- **Awards will be presented during a 1-hour Rotary Club meeting at 12 noon on Monday, June 1.**

This page should not be submitted with the application.

Note: The Scholarship Committee is aware that information in this application is private and confidential. The Committee guards individual privacy. All application materials will be destroyed after the selection process is completed.