

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Name: "Service Above Self" Scholarship
Provider: Lincoln Rotary Club #14
Amount: **\$2,500 per academic year**
Deadline: **April 24, 2026** (must be postmarked by this date)
Address: Lincoln Rotary Club #14
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 83843
Lincoln, NE 68501-3843

Number offered: **1**
Renewable: **Yes**, up to four years (a total of \$10,000). The recipient must maintain full-time status (fall/spring semester or fall/winter/spring quarters), good academic standing and a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) at his or her college or university. A recipient who earns an associate degree (or credential other than a bachelor's degree) must notify the club of their intent to continue their education and be enrolled in an appropriate college or university within six months.

Eligible expenses: **Tuition, required fees, books, room & board** and other expenses associated with, but not to exceed, the college or university cost of education.

Contact: rotary14lincoln@gmail.com

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The scholarship is open to students who meet the following criteria:

- Senior standing at any Lincoln public, private or home school
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 (B) or higher and minimum ACT composite score of 20 or higher
- Plan to enroll as a full-time freshman at any accredited public or independent not-for-profit college or university
- Be in need of financial assistance in order to attend college
- Have applied for federal financial aid and received a Student Aid Index (SAI) number

Children and grandchildren of Rotary members are ineligible to apply.

SELECTION PROCESS

A committee, consisting of Lincoln Rotary Club #14 members, will review all qualified applications, essays and letters of recommendation. The top applicants will be asked to participate in a "face-to-face" virtual interview with the committee members. Financial need will be considered.

A recipient and two alternates will be identified. The recipient will be notified in late April or early May. The scholarship is paid directly to the academic institution on the student's behalf, upon receipt of necessary documentation.

Ineligible or incomplete applications will not be considered. It is important to submit all required documentation and follow application directions.

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

- All materials must be postmarked no later than April 24, 2026.
- The application must be typed, signed, and dated.
- An official document from the high school reflecting the student's cumulative GPA and ACT composite score must be included. A complete transcript is not required.
- Copy of the FAFSA confirmation page, FAFSA confirmation email, or the FAFSA Submission Summary (something that shows your name and the expected Student Aid Index number).
- Two signed letters of recommendation must be included.



2026 Scholarship Information

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and an opportunity to serve society. The Rotary motto is *Service Above Self*. The ideal of service is applied to personal, business, and community life. As a worldwide organization, Rotary advances international understanding, goodwill, and peace through world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

High School _____ Year of Graduation _____

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Using the Volunteer/Service chart, please describe your volunteer/service activities during your high school years (from June 1st prior to your freshman year up to the time of this application) including specific length and time frame of service. Be sure to provide the organization(s) to which you provided service, the kind of service you provided, the audience (example: children, homeless, senior citizens) which benefited from the service, and the amount of time and time frame (example: one time or over four summers) you personally spent in delivering the service. You may attach additional Volunteer/Service charts, as needed. Be sure to put your first name, last name and a page number on each page submitted.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF ESSAY

In 500 words or less (using 12 point font), answer the following question: *What have you learned from your past volunteer/service activities and how will this help you be successful in the future?*

It may be helpful to focus on a few key volunteer/service activities that personally had the most impact on you. Be sure to put your first name, last name and a page number on each page submitted.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Attach two letters of recommendation from individuals who have direct knowledge of your volunteer/service contributions. The letters cannot be from someone who is related to you or is a member of a Rotary club. The letters of recommendation must be signed.

ACADEMIC DOCUMENTATION

Attach an official document from your high school that provides your name and verifies your current Grade Point Average (GPA) and ACT Composite Score. A complete transcript is not required.

FINANCIAL NEED DOCUMENTATION

Complete the 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. Include a copy of information you've received that shows your name and your Student Aid Index (SAI). This could include a copy of your FAFSA confirmation page, your FAFSA confirmation email, or your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS). Financial need will be considered in the awarding of this scholarship.

This form should be completed and returned to: Lincoln Rotary Club #14, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 83843, Lincoln, NE 68501-3843. Your application and supporting materials must be postmarked on or before April 24, 2026. The application must be typed. Top candidates will be interviewed. The scholarship recipient will be notified by June 1, 2026.

SIGNATURE

My signature certifies that the information submitted on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am not a child or grandchild of a Rotary member. I give Lincoln Rotary Club #14 permission to verify any information and release my application to the review committee members.

Signature _____

Date _____

