

SARATOGA SPRINGS ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



With financial support from the **SARATOGA SPRINGS ROTARY EDUCATION FOUNDATION** the **ROTARY CLUB OF SARATOGA SPRINGS**, annually awards about one dozen scholarships, ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000 over four years, with a combined value of approximately \$70,000, to college- and trade school-bound students. In awarding scholarships, we are not seeking students with perfect credentials, but rather we're seeking people with potential to do well academically, to thrive in the world of work, and to be of service to their communities in the Rotary tradition of **Service above Self**. We seek to make awards to people for whom scholarship funds will have the greatest impact.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for a Saratoga Springs Rotary Club Scholarship an applicant must:

- Be a senior graduating from any public or private high school within the geographical boundaries of the Saratoga Springs City School District, or a person who lives within the school district who is completing a high school equivalency credential; AND
- Plan to pursue a degree or certification program at an accredited 2- or 4-year college or a vocational educational institution.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Applications are evaluated based on a combination of the following criteria:

- Community Service
- Extracurricular and Work Activities
- Academic Record and Potential for Growth
- Financial Need
- Some scholarships are specific to a particular area of study, such as performing arts, law, hospitality, architecture, and graphic arts.

About Rotary

Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 34,000 Rotary clubs located around the globe. The Rotary Motto is "Service Above Self." Local Rotary clubs develop service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence.

Since its founding in 1924, **The Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs** has served the local community in many ways. In addition to engaging in service activities, the club has made charitable donations and major gifts to numerous not-for-profit organizations in the area, such as the Children's Museum at Saratoga, YMCA, Yaddo, Franklin Community Center, Saratoga EOC, Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga Center for the Family, and Saratoga Arts, to name just a few. The Club's annual **Home & Lifestyle Show** has been its major fundraising activity since 1973. Proceeds from this event support the Club's donations to local organizations, youth scholarships, and international activities. More information about the club is available at www.saratogaspringsrotary.org.

In 1997, to address the ever-increasing costs of college and post-secondary vocational education, the Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs formed **The Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation**, a separately-governed tax-exempt organization with 501(c)(3) status, to permit fundraising activities that could support larger scholarships. Since then, scholarship funding from the Home & Lifestyle Show has been supplemented by private and corporate donations, and by another annual fundraiser, the **Education and Community Service Awards Brunch** held annually in June. These fundraising activities support the mission of the foundation: ***The Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation invests in students' potential because everyone deserves the opportunity for a brighter future.*** Additional information about the Foundation can be found at www.saratogaspringsrotary.org.



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IMPORTANT DATES

•**APRIL 1st Postmark Deadline for Completed Application Packets**

•**APRIL - MAY** Finalists will be invited to a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee

•**JUNE** Scholarship recipients are invited to attend the Rotary Education Foundation Brunch where Scholarship Awards will be announced

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To apply, mail the following items, single-sided, unfolded, unstapled, in a 9 x 12 envelope to:

SARATOGA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

PO BOX 979

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY 12866

Postmarked no later than April 1.

- ✓ **Rotary Scholarship Application Form** (available at www.saratogaspringsscholarships.org)
- ✓ **Description/List of Activities and Accomplishments.** Please attach a single 8 ½ x 11 sheet. List up to 5 applicable activities/accomplishments in each of the following categories. List those most important to you first.
 - **Community Service** – Describe any social service or volunteer experience you have had, and the amount of time spent on such experience.
 - **Work Experience** – Describe any jobs held during your high school career and the number of hours per week spent at work.
 - **Extracurricular Activities**- Describe extracurricular or out-of-school activities you have been involved in, how long you have been involved in each, and how much time you spend on each in a typical week (please choose a maximum of 5 music, sports, student clubs, or other organizations).
- ✓ **Required Essay** - Your application should include a short, original essay, of no longer than 250 words, on the following topic: Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self." Describe how you have demonstrated commitment to this ideal.
- ✓ **FAFSA results (SAR)**
- ✓ **Financial Aid Award Letters** from College(s)
- ✓ **Copy of High School or High School Equivalency Transcript**
- ✓ **Letter of Recommendation** - the Scholarship committee may contact this person

IMPORTANT NOTES

All selection decisions are final and are not subject to appeal. Applications and supporting documents become the sole property of the Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs and cannot be returned. We regret that we can only notify finalists of their award status.

The Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs Rotary and the Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation, Inc. reserve the unqualified right and discretion to withhold some or all of an award and/or delay an award due to insufficient academic performance, as determined by the Foundation.

SARATOGA SPRINGS ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: All submission materials must be printed on single-sided sheets. Mail completed application form and all other items on the application checklist, together, unfolded, unstapled in a 9x12 envelope to:

SARATOGA ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
PO BOX 979
SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY 12866
Postmarked no later than April 1

Applicant Information

Name _____
Last First Middle
Address _____
Street City State Zip
Phone() _____ Email _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Academic Performance Information

Name of High School Attending: _____
If Applicable: Class Rank: _____
Optional: SAT: Math _____ Reading/Writing _____ ACT(composite): _____

College/Post-Secondary Education Information

| Name of College(s) or Vocational Ed Institution | 2yr/4yr/Other | Admitted (yes /waiting?) | Enrolled? |
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| (Name) _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
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Scholarship Information

Some Saratoga Springs Rotary Scholarships are earmarked for students on particular career paths or to study particular academic disciplines. If known, please also provide the following information:

Expected Major _____ Planned Career _____

Certification / Signature

I certify that the information provided on and with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as of the date given.

Student Signature _____ Date _____