

Rotary Club of Portsmouth

Scholarship Application

Each year the Rotary Club of Portsmouth seeks scholarship applications from high school seniors scheduled to graduate this spring and will be beginning study at a post-secondary institution (either a 2 or 4 year program) in the fall. Applicants must also reside in the City of Portsmouth or in the adjoining Towns of Rye, Greenland, New Castle, or Newington. Children and Grandchildren of Portsmouth Rotary members are not eligible for this scholarship.

The scholarships are one-time non-recurring awards that in the past ranged from \$2,000 to \$2,500 and are made on a non-discriminatory basis to individuals demonstrating excellence in scholastic, extracurricular, and/or community service activities. A family's financial need may also be taken into consideration by the reviewing committee. Individuals with special learning circumstances, who have worked to overcome these circumstances, are encouraged to apply for the scholarship.

Applicants are encouraged to work with their high school guidance counselor and/or college advisor when submitting the application. Once all applications have been received, the Portsmouth Rotary Scholarship Committee will select a pool of finalists to be interviewed individually in April.

Recipients of the award are notified approximately four weeks after the application deadline. The scholarships are awarded to the students during a Rotary meeting in May or June.

Scholarship applications can be completed electronically using the application that may be downloaded from portsmouthrotary.org, and then must be printed for submission.

General Application Guidelines

- (i) Please answer all questions; incomplete applications will not be considered.
- (ii) Resumés should not be submitted and will not be reviewed by the committee.
- (iii) Please use only the space provided when answering essay questions.
- (iv) Two (2) letters of reference are required and must be submitted attached to the application.
- (v) An official high school transcript must be included with your application. Please see your guidance office to obtain official transcripts.
- (vi) **Applications must be turned in to your Guidance Office representative by April 1, 2020 OR mailed to following address and POSTMARKED no later than April 1, 2020.**

ADDRESS: Portsmouth Rotary Scholarship
P.O. Box 905
Portsmouth, NH 03802-0905

APPLICANT INFORMATION (please print or type)

- **Full Name:**
- **Mailing Address:**
- **Cell Phone Number:**
- **Email Address:**
- **Date of Birth:**
- **Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):**
- **Name of High/Secondary School:**
- **Date of Anticipated Graduation:**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please check the following to verify that the following documents are included with this application. Applications without the following documents *will be considered incomplete and will not be considered* by the review committee.

- ___ A Complete High School Transcript
- ___ Academic Letter of Reference (from a teacher, guidance councilor, or other school officer)
- ___ Community Letter of Reference (from a non-family member employer, friend, mentor, etc.)
- ___ Copies of any Financial Assistance Award Notifications you've received (other scholarships or awards)

APPLICANT AND FAMILY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- Estimated tuition + room/board expense for the first (1st) year of the college(s) you are most likely to attend:

- Amount you have personally saved for your first (1st) year college expenses:
 - How were the savings in 13 (above) earned?

- Does your family/guardian(s) intend to assist you with your college expenses? If so, to what extent?

- Highest level(s) of education attained by parent(s) / guardians(s)?
 - Parent 1:
 - Parent 2:

- Total Annual income of parent(s) / guardian(s). Include income earned on investments, if any.
 - Parent 1:
 - Parent 2:

- Total number of dependent children in your household:

- Total number of family members who will be attending a post-secondary school on not less than a half-time basis during the upcoming school year, including the applicant:

- Do you plan to work or be engaged in a work/study program while attending college?

- Please list other scholarships/grants/work study you have applied for or plan to apply for.

APPLICANT SCHOLASTIC + EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION

Special Scholastic Honors or Awards:

<i>Honor or Award</i>	<i>School Year</i>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Extracurricular Activities (list all activities in which you were engaged during school grades 9-12. Indicate offices or positions held and average hours per week devoted to each activity, and any special recognition: (all-state, festivals, etc)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>School Year</i>
_____	_____
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Employment experience (list and identify type(s) of employment, hours worked, relationship of jobs to career goals if applicable, and supervisor's name)

Community Service (list community service activities in which you participated during school years 9-12. Indicate average number of hours per week involved and please provide supervisor's name)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Hours/Year</i>	<i>School Years</i>	<i>Supervisor Name</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
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COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Please list colleges or post-secondary schools to which you have applied or intend to apply. Please list by preference.

College/University	Intended Major	Acceptance?	Early Decision?
_____	_____	_____	_____
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ESSAY QUESTIONS

- What do you expect to ‘get out’ of your college experience?
- What are your post-graduate career goals?
- Why should you be selected to receive this scholarship? What sets you apart from others who are also applying?

- What serves as your internal moral or ethical compass?

- What do you know about Rotary?

I (applicant) hereby certify that the foregoing referenced is accurate and complete.

Signature:

Date: