



2025-26 Middletown Rotary Club – Service Above Self Scholarship Application

Rotary International is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million businesses, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are over 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and to encourage and foster:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.

As signified by the motto *Service Above Self*, Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Consistent with this, the Middletown Rotary Club will award a scholarship to local graduating seniors who meet the following criteria:

- A **solid record of demonstrated commitment** to the concept of *Service Above Self*
- An academic record of **3.0 GPA and above**
- Priority will be given to applicants who demonstrate financial need
- The ability to communicate with a positive attitude and sincere motivation
- Evidence of acceptance to a college and/or university for the '25-'26 academic year
- Must **not** have been awarded a full scholarship to any college
- Proof of residency in the State of Connecticut and current or past attendance of a high school within the jurisdiction of the Club

Please Note: Recipients will only be selected from the following area high schools: Coginchaug, Cromwell, Haddam-Killingworth, Mercy, Middletown, Portland, Vinal Technical, Xavier

**** Awards are given in the range of \$2000.00 - \$5000.00 ****

All applications must be turned into your guidance office no later than March 16th and be emailed or mailed to the addresses below by March 18th. We ask that you submit your application as soon as it is fully completed. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Finalists will be selected at the end of March. Awards will be announced within that same week. The fillable application form is also available online from MiddletownRotary.org under the "About Us" header and scrolling down to "Downloads" then "Scholarship Application". Typed applications are strongly encouraged. The completed application packet can be scanned/emailed to: mrulnick@midymca.org or mailed to Attn: Rotary Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1107, Middletown, CT 06457

2025-26 MIDDLETOWN ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD STUDENT APPLICATION

A complete application will include the attached general information and following materials:

- This Student Application, filled out neatly and completely.
- A certified transcript from your high school guidance department giving evidence of a 3.0 GPA
- One (1) recommendation from teachers or an adult (not a friend or family member) who can attest to your character. The recommendation should outline your qualifications, vocational goals and your character.
- At least one (1) recommendation from a non-school related civic group, religious or community organization that outlines your volunteer work, civic activity and *Service Above Self*.
- Copy of at least one (1) college acceptance letter for the '25-'26 academic year.
- A Rotary Scholarship Award Essay (up to 400 words) speaking to important personal, civic and/or volunteer experiences in your life, and how "*Service Above Self*" describes you relative to those experiences, and your goals for the future.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name in Full _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
(first) (middle initial) (last)

Home Address _____
(street) (city) (zip)

Tel. No. (____) _____ email: _____

Father's Full Name _____

Father's Address, if different _____ Tel. No. _____

Father's Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____

Mother's Address, if different _____

Mother's Occupation _____

Legal Guardian's Name (if not with parents) _____

Guardian's Address _____ Tel. No. _____

Brothers/Sisters at Home/School:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School/Grade</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

School and Community Experience

(Please attach a copy of your school transcript to this application. You may also include a resume.)

What challenges have you faced and overcome?

Please list any honors or recognition received for your academic work.

Explain your role and time spent in community service. (if you need more space, use a separate paper)

What leadership roles have you taken in these groups?

What are your general interests or hobbies?

Future Plans

Please list in order of preference the vocations you are considering for your life's work:

1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

