

ROTARY CLUB OF EAST WICHITA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

2019 Application Guidelines

Note: Application deadline for the WSUTech Scholarship has been extended to Tuesday, June 25 at 5:00 pm. Applications postmarked after this date will not be accepted. Successful applicant will be notified prior to July 10, 2019.

1. **Grant of Scholarships.** The Rotary Club of East Wichita Foundation has available a limited number of one-year scholarship grants for upcoming college freshmen to help in defraying the cost of tuition, books, fees or room and board at the Kansas educational institution attended by the scholarship recipient. Scholarships of \$1,000 each will be granted for the 2019-2020 school year. The scholarships will be payable in two installments – \$500 at the beginning of the Fall 2019 semester and \$500 at the beginning of the Spring 2020 semester. Payment of the second installment will be contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the first semester in compliance with these qualifications.

A one-year scholarship, the WSUTech Scholarship, may be granted to a deserving 2019 Sedgwick County high school graduate who is co-enrolled and attending WSUTech as a high school senior. Scholarship amount, use of scholarship and qualifications for this scholarship are the same as for the others with the exception of attendance at WSUTech and ACT/SAT scores requested, but not required.

A special one-year scholarship, the George Fahnestock Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$2000 (payable \$1000 each semester) may be granted to a deserving freshman who will be attending Wichita State University. Students attending other universities will not be eligible for the George Fahnestock Scholarship. Qualifications for this scholarship are the same as for the others with the exception of attendance at Wichita State University.

2. **Eligibility.** The applicant must be a May 2019 graduate of a high school located in Sedgwick County, Kansas, who will enroll on a full-time basis in the Fall of 2019 at WSUTech, a public or private community college, college or university located in Kansas. **Applicants must have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.**

3. **Criteria for Selection.** Primary criteria used to select the scholarship recipients include: need for assistance; academic achievement; reference letters; written expression; honors and awards; and school and community activities. Other criteria used in evaluating applications will be ACT/SAT Scores (as applicable), extracurricular activities and after school employment.

4. **Reference Letters.** **Two (2)** sealed letters of reference are required. One letter must be from a school official on school letterhead who is familiar with the applicant's academic abilities and school activities; the other letter may come from a person of applicant's choice. Each letter must contain the name and address of its author. The letters should contain a statement by the authors as to how long they have known the applicant and in what capacity, and a general statement as to the applicant's motivation, initiative, dependability, ability to communicate and other characteristics the author believes will indicate a successful completion of the applicant's educational goals. Each page of the reference letter should contain the applicant's name.

5. **Transcript.** The applicant’s high school counselor must make available a sealed copy of the applicant’s transcript. If not included with the application, it must be directed to the address below.

6. **Essay.** An essay of no more than 200 words must be submitted describing not only applicant’s education and career goals *but also* outlining any financial circumstances that contribute to understanding need for the scholarship.

7. **Payment of Scholarship.** The Foundation will remit the scholarship funds directly to the institution indicated by the recipient for credit to the applicant’s account. Failure of the scholarship recipient to complete the Fall 2019 semester as a full-time student in good standing with a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale will result in a forfeiture of the second \$500 installment for the Spring 2020 semester.

8. **Renewal of Scholarship.** At the end of each school year, the Rotary Club of East Wichita Foundation Board reserves the right to renew its scholarships for the following year. In order to qualify for consideration for renewal, students must have a 2.5 cumulative average and provide grades and proof of full-time enrollment. Students will be notified in advance to provide the information.

The Rotary Club of East Wichita Foundation Board reserves the right to renew the George Fahnestock Scholarship, but any renewal will be at the \$1000 level, payable at \$500 per semester.

9. **Deadline and Instructions.** **THE DEADLINE FOR ACTUAL RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING TRANSCRIPT AND REFERENCE LETTERS, IS PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2019.** Letters postmarked on or after May 7, 2019 will NOT be accepted. The downloaded application must be typed or printed using black ink. Do not send folders, binders or photographs with the application. Retain a copy of the completed application for your files as the submitted application will not be returned. Successful applicants will be notified of the award of their scholarships prior to June 15, 2019. Please contact the Scholarship Chair, John Vetter, at john.vetter@stinson.com with any questions.

DOCUMENTATION CHECK-OFF:

- _____ Application
- _____ Transcript (sealed)
- _____ Reference Letter #1 (sealed)
- _____ Reference Letter #2 (sealed)
- _____ Essay of 200 words or less

SUBMIT APPLICATION AND RELATED DOCUMENTS TO:

Rotary Club of East Wichita Foundation Scholarship
c/o John Vetter, Scholarship Chair
1625 N. Waterfront Parkway, Suite 300
Wichita, KS 67206-6620

The scholarship application and a copy of these guidelines can be obtained at www.eastwichitarotary.org.