

**ROTARY CLUB OF EAST WICHITA FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS**

2018-2019 Application Guidelines

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 2018-2019 school year. The scholarships will be payable in two installments – \$500 at the beginning of the Fall 2018 semester and \$500 at the beginning of the Spring 2019 semester. Payment of the second installment will be contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the first semester in compliance with these qualifications.

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 other than attendance at Wichita State.

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

2. **Eligibility.** The applicant must be a May 2018 graduate of a high school located in Sedgwick County, Kansas, who will enroll on a full-time basis in the Fall of 2018 at a public or private community college, college or university located in Kansas. **Applicants must have a 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; and school and community activities. Other criteria used in evaluating applications will be 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. **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 2018 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 2018 semester.

7. **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 to the Scholarship Chair. 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.

8. **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 8, 2018.** Letters postmarked on or after May 8, 2018 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, 2018. 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 Grant
c/o John Vetter
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Wichita, KS 67206-6620