



# THE ROTARY LIFE LEADERSHIP/SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## San Bernardino Rotary Club Prepares High School Students for a Life of Success and Service.

Qualities of a true leader can be identified in childhood, fostered during youth and strengthened in adulthood. San Bernardino Rotary is proud to instill leadership from elementary through high school starting with dictionaries for third graders, music and speech competitions in high school, and with our flagship scholarship program, Rotary Life Scholars.

**Rotary Life Scholars:** A four-year leadership experience spanning a student's freshman through senior years in high school, rewards selected San Bernardino youth with a unique preparation for college and life. Career lessons learned, business ethics taught, community service embraced. Upon the program's four-year completion, each Rotary Life graduate is presented with a scholarship of up to \$2,000.

**Rotary Life Scholars:** The only high school scholarship of its kind in San Bernardino and unique in our district. Now, more than 30 years after its inception, Rotary Life continues and strengthens itself year after year by the talented youth it attracts. As students progress through the program, they take on increasing responsibility for designing, planning, and carrying out projects and activities. Leadership training by taking responsibility is central to the program. Another key component is using business owners, professionals, and community leaders to speak at class meetings. Students visit businesses and shadow professionals in their work environments.

**And the long-lasting results?** Immeasurable and life-long. Rotary Life alumni - now more than 200 strong - have moved on to become teachers, attorneys, physicians, pilots, and more. In addition to contributing through their professions, they have come to embrace Rotary's core philosophy of "Service Above Self." A generation later, we are proud to see Rotary Life alumni becoming Rotarians. "As much as we are teachers to our students, our students are teachers to us," said Chuck Terrell, a founder of Rotary Life. "Our youth are our best investment in our future - as a country and as a service club. And that investment comes back tenfold when they return 10 years later and say 'I want to be a Rotarian.'"

**Rotary Life Scholars:** an investment in the future.

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