

## 2026 Rotary Club of Lubbock Scholarship Program

The Rotary Club of Lubbock (RCL) will award one or more, in its sole discretion, financial scholarships to graduating high school students. The amount of each scholarship & the eligibility requirements for each scholarship are set forth below.

### What is Rotary?

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace globally. The motto of Rotary is “Service Above Self.” The greatest example of Rotary’s service to humanity is its flagship program, Polio Plus, which aims to eradicate polio worldwide. With UNICEF, the US CDC, and the WHO, Rotary International has contributed over \$2.1 Billion and countless volunteer hours to help immunize over 3 billion children.

### The Rotary 4-Way Test

Of the things we THINK, SAY, or DO:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

### Who is the Rotary Club of Lubbock?

Since 1921, we have led the way in Service Above Self in Lubbock and the surrounding area, and our Tradition in Service is still going strong. Our club has supported many different organizations and charitable efforts, with our main service project being the South Plains Food Bank, which was founded by fellow Rotarian Ray Diekemper in 1983. As the largest Rotary club in Lubbock and in Rotary District 5730, we believe there is tremendous power in bringing people and resources together to improve lives in our community.

### Eligibility

Student eligibility for a RCL financial scholarship requires the following criteria to be met. The student:

1. Must be eligible for Spring 2026 graduation no later than June 30, from Coronado, Estacado, Frenship, Lubbock, Lubbock-Cooper, Monterey or Talkington high schools.
2. Must meet at least ONE of the following requirements:
  - a. Graduate in the top 25% of his/her class
  - b. Have an academic grade average of 80 or above.
  - c. Receive recognition at the Regional, State, or National Level.
3. Must be accepted by, and enroll at, Texas Tech University (Lubbock campus), Lubbock Christian University, Wayland Baptist University (Lubbock Campus) or South Plains College (Lubbock or Levelland campuses) for the Fall 2026 semester as a full-time student (as defined by the admitting institution or for at least 12 credit hours).

4. Must continue to enroll as, and maintain the status of, a full-time student each successive spring and fall semester, up to 7 successive spring and fall semesters, or until graduation (receipt of a baccalaureate degree) whichever first occurs.
5. Must maintain not less than a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) for the entire term of the scholarship.
6. Must continuously provide written evidence of enrollment and GPA to the RCL Scholarship Committee as soon as such documentation is available during the term of the scholarship.
7. Must possess or exhibit good citizenship qualities.

Selection is based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, financial need, and essay.

The student will receive \$2,000.00 for the fall 2026 semester and \$2,000.00 each successive spring and fall semester thereafter in which the student is enrolled as a full-time student, up to a total of 8 semesters. All scholarship monies will be paid directly to the admitting institution. No scholarship monies will be paid to the student for enrollment in a summer session. If a student fails to enroll as a student each successive Spring and Fall semester following the initial semester of enrollment the scholarship will be terminated.

### **Application Access, Submission, Due Date, and Assessment**

The scholarship application form can be accessed from a high school counselor or the RCL website.

The completed application, including all required supporting documentation, must be postmarked on or before **March 30, 2026**.

The complete application includes:

1. Application form
2. An essay response of 500-600 words explaining how you think Rotary's 4-Way Test (included above) applies to you as a student and how it will apply to you as a future leader. All information is to be typewritten in Times New Roman 12-point font and double spaced.
3. The applicant's high school transcript with 2025 Fall Semester final grades and current class ranking.

Mail to (sole means of submission):

The Rotary Club of Lubbock  
2024 Scholarship Program  
1001 Main St., Suite 805  
Lubbock, Texas 79401

***Please note: incomplete or late applications will not be considered.***

Finalists will be required to participate in an in-person interview with the RCL Scholarship committee to be considered for selection.

### **Award Notification and Distribution**

The RCL scholarship recipient(s) will be notified by the scholarship committee chair. Scholarships will be formally presented to the student(s) and family at a Scholarship Banquet. During the Banquet, an RCL member will be assigned as a mentor to the recipient(s). Prior to receiving the first installment, the recipient(s) must present his/her first semester class schedule. Thereafter, proof of grade performance including GPA and class schedule for the following semester must be submitted to receive additional installments. Schedules and grades should be submitted as soon as possible. Note: payments may require 5 business days to process.

## **RCL Scholarship Recipient Expectations**

Recipients are strongly encouraged to:

- Attend at least one RCL meeting each year to update the Club on the recipient's education progress.
- Satisfactorily complete a four-year degree (with full-time enrollment each semester)
- Be involved in campus and community activities
- Maintain periodic contact with the assigned RCL mentor
- Consider joining Rotaract ([Rotaract Clubs | Rotary International](#)) while in school and a Rotary club after graduation.

**Questions/clarifications (not for application submission):** [admin@lubbockrotary.org](mailto:admin@lubbockrotary.org)

**ROTARY CLUB OF LUBBOCK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Only include this completed form, the essay response, and the applicant's high school transcript (including Fall 2025 final grades and resulting class standing). Submission must be postmarked by **March 30, 2026**.

*Please include name in the top right corner of additional pages. Do not staple or paperclip pages together.*

**Applicant Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home or mobile): \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of children in applicant's immediate family, including self: \_\_\_\_\_

High School attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated graduation date: \_\_\_\_\_

University/College attending (including location): \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received acceptance: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans/Career Goals (Attach a separate page if necessary.):

**Statement of financial need:**

Please explain why you need this scholarship; include how you plan to finance your college career including any scholarships/grants you have or expect to receive. (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Achievement**

Numeric High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Ranking: \_\_\_\_\_ Class size: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all that apply to the applicant (required to meet at least ONE):

\_\_\_\_\_ Graduating in Top 20% of Graduating Class

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic GPA of 80 or higher

\_\_\_\_\_ Regional, State, or National level recognition (e.g., UIL Competition, Fine Arts, Science Fair, etc.)

**High School Accomplishments**

Awards, Honors, Scholarships, College credits earned. (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Extracurricular Activities including athletics, clubs & offices held, service projects, employment, etc.  
(Attach a separate page if necessary.)

**Essay**

Explain how you think Rotary's 4-Way Test applies to you as a student and how it will apply to you as a future leader. Please complete on a separate page utilizing Times New Roman 12-point font, double spaced, with your name at the top of each page. Your response should be 500-600 words in length.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_