



THE MISSION OF THE PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP

The mission of Columbus Rotary in providing this Scholarship is to create positive and enduring change in the lives of others, one Scholar at a time. As symbolized by the mythical creature who rises from the ashes, the Phoenix Scholarship is intended to support learners who are on a journey to reinvent their lives. Are you a high school graduate who is persevering in spite of life's challenges that have prevented you from taking a "typical" route to a degree or certification? Are you using education to reinvent yourself? Then yes... you are a Phoenix, and we're happy that you found Columbus Rotary!

WHAT DOES THE PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT?

Columbus Rotary offers several scholarships each year to those seeking a bachelor or associate degree or other post-high school certificates or licenses who demonstrate a commitment to education and the ability to succeed, as shown by their grades, work history, plans for their future, and the references of those who know them. Our Phoenix Scholarships range from \$2,500 for full-time students to \$1,250 for part-time students, with opportunities to support students seeking other certificate/license programs, as well.

WHAT IS THE COLUMBUS ROTARY?

Columbus Rotary is part of a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. Our Columbus Rotary club is one of the oldest and largest Rotary Clubs in the world, founded in 1912 and almost 300 members strong. From supporting Columbus City School students with programs to build a service culture to supporting an orphanage in Africa for children of parents who have died of AIDS, we are always in motion looking for ways we can make a difference in the lives of others. In addition, we are united by the motto "Service Above Self" and live by an ethical creed known as the Four Way Test: "In all we think, say or do... Is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY

Eligibility for the Phoenix Scholarship. Please check all that apply in order to make sure you are a good fit for our Scholarship Award.

- I am a U.S. Citizen (or I am able to provide documentation of permanent residency. Financial aid is not available to international students).
- I have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- I live and/or work in Franklin County.
- I have completed a substantial amount of the coursework required to complete my program.
- The institution where I attend (will be attending) is accredited.
- I can submit letters of recommendation from people who understand my ability to succeed and my work ethic. (An example would be current or former professors or work supervisors. See end of application for more information.)

Name of Applicant _____ SSN _____ / _____ / _____

Current Address _____

Permanent Address (if different) _____

Preferred Phone _____ Do you accept text messages? yes no

Email Address _____

Where did you hear about the Columbus Rotary Phoenix Scholarship? _____

Name of applicant: _____

TELL US MORE ABOUT YOU

What school are you attending or do you plan to attend? _____

What are you studying? _____

What degree or certification are you working toward? _____

At the pace you are working, when do you plan to successfully complete your program? (month and year) _____

Where else have you taken courses after the high school level?

Name of School/College	Attended? Mo/Yr – Mo/Yr	Major	Quarter/Semester Hours Earned	Degree Attained?	GPA

From which high school did you graduate? _____

City and State of your High School _____ Year of Graduation _____

Please give a work history, beginning with your current or most recent position:

Name of Employer	Location		
Position	From	To	
Reason for Leaving			

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Is your employer providing educational funding for you? no yes If "Yes," How Much? _____

Do you have any other educational scholarships at this time? no yes If "Yes," How Much? _____

Name of applicant: _____

APPLICANT STATEMENT (please read, then check box below): I hereby acknowledge that all of the information included in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If additional information or documentation is requested of me, I agree to provide it. If chosen for a scholarship, I understand that awarding of the scholarship may be conditional upon the submission of a transcript of my grades and credits, so I agree to have representatives of the Columbus Rotary verify the information provided herein. In addition, if chosen, I agree to attend a Columbus Rotary meeting to be recognized for my achievement, and I authorize the use of my name and photo for promotional purposes. All applications will remain confidential, shared only with those members of Columbus Rotary as required for the determination of awards and processing of scholarships.

By checking this box, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and accept the information provided above and certify that the information provided by me in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: At least one letter of recommendation are required from those who can attest to your character, work ethic, and potential to succeed; examples would be current or former professors or a supervisor from your place of my employment. These letters should be submitted directly to Columbus Rotary by these references either as hard copy on letterhead that is mailed to the Columbus Rotary address below, or submitted as an electronic document on letterhead that is emailed directly from the reference to the email address below. All Letters of Recommendation must include contact phone numbers and email addresses of the reference.

Columbus Rotary Phoenix Scholarship
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Scholarship@ColumbusRotary.org

SELECTION PROCESS: Applicants who meet eligibility requirements will be screened by the Columbus Rotary Scholarship Committee, and finalists will be invited for an interview that will help us select the candidates who best represent the spirit of the Phoenix and who are most likely to complete their program successfully. Several scholarships will be awarded, though the Committee reserves the right to award no scholarships if it deems applicants do not merit such an award. Preference may be given to students who attended the Columbus City Schools. Preference may also be given to applicants seeking a degree in the healthcare field or in science or technology

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS: If you have the current full version of Adobe Acrobat, you should be able to fill out the application on a computer then save it as a PDF document. The saved file name should contain your last name. The completed application can then be emailed to Scholarship@ColumbusRotary.org. If you only have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you will not be able to save the completed form to your hard drive. Instead, you can fill out the application using Acrobat Reader, then print it and send the completed application and essay to the address above. At the very least, you can print the blank document and fill out the information by hand.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1 EACH YEAR.
All applicants will be notified by the end of April of their application status.**

Name of applicant: _____

REQUIRED ESSAY

In 300-500 words, explain what makes you a Phoenix — someone who is choosing to rise above life's challenges and achieve success that you perhaps felt was beyond your hopes. Also include comments on how your program of study will be of value to you as you pursue job opportunities.