SPONSOR A SCHOLAR PROGRAM





Rotary Club of Menlo Park Sponsor a Scholar Program

For over 20 years, the **ROTARY CLUB OF MENLO PARK** has offered needbased scholarships. We have a rigorous review process and currently give to around 15 students annually a 4-year college scholarhip. But that is limited due to our available financial resoures. In addition, we dedicate some \$50,000 to local charities.

We normally receive application from some 40+ highschool graduates, all deserving students. Through this new Sponsor a Scholar program we expect to extend the reach of our program.

We currently have 60 active scholarships. We help alleviate the financial hardship of



low-income families into meeting the high cost of college education. We recognize that most of our applicants will have come from families who have not attended college. Our program provides a dedicated Rotary Club volunteer to mentor every student. Through our worldwide Rotary connections, we are able to assist the students in starting their careers.

As part of the scholarship/mentoring program we also hold enrichment events for the students. Because all the selection, support and administrative services are provided by Rotary volunteers, we incur virtually zero support cost. **All donated monies directly benefit our** scholarship recipients.

Our Sponsor a Scholar program is managed though our Foundation. The Foundation is recognized by the Internal Revenue Services as being exempt from income tax under code 501(3)(c) and any donation is fully tax-deductible. Its tax identification code is 94-2723876. Although donors cannot be involved in the selection of the scholars, they certainly can set preference for the living locations of the sponsored scholars. Likewise, the donors cannot set limitations on the school selection because we leave it entirely free to the scholar to select the best school for professional preference.

"I know I can be financially secure with the help of Rotary Club."

2018 Rotary Club scholarship recipient, Darrell Ford, Electrical Engineering major at Stanford

We have an existing endowment program for indefinite Named Scholarship for donations over \$100,000

Upon the annual selection of the scholars, you will be introduced to your scholar and semi-annually you will be receiving a report on how your scholar is progressing.

Scholarships Are The Club's Major Philanthropic Program

Who benefits -

- High-achieving local students
- Strong financial need
- Philosophically aligned with Rotary (community service oriented)

What's included —

- 4-year scholarships, \$2000-\$3000/year
- Mentoring
- Access to Counseling
- Access to Networking events
- Internship program under development

The Rotary Club of Menlo Park Sponsor a Scholar program allows our club to make a fouryear commitment of at least \$2,000 a year or higher to a local high school senior who will head off to college in the fall. Your 4-year pledge allows us to plan from year to year as we add new Rotary scholars. Thank you for making a four-year commitment to one of our deserving local scholars!

Rotary Club of Menlo Park



For more information, please email sponsorascholar@ menloparkrotary.org

ROTARY CLUB OF MENLO PARK SPONSOR A SCHOLAR PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Title Name
Address
Email Phone
Individual Pledge Amount \$ x 4 years =
If pledging jointly with others and less than \$2,000/yr. names of other team
members
First-year payment: Check attached made payable to Rotary Club of Menlo Park Foundation
Payment by credit card, type of card (visa, MC, AmEx)
Card # Exp. Date
Name on card:
Signature
Pay directly at the Rotary Club of Menlo Park Foundation website by clicking on the Donate button. Indicate in the comment session that it is for Sponsor a Scholar program.
My company has a matching gift program.
Company
College attended; Major Career info
Please email this completed form to SponsoraScholar@menloparkrotary.org Mail your check to RCMPF, PO Box 876, Menlo Park CA, 94026 with a notation that it is for Sponsor a Scholar Rectary