

Little Tokyo Rotary Foundation

**Toshio and Toshiko Handa Youth Scholarship**

**Information**

**Application Deadline: Friday, May 31, 2019** All materials must be submitted via e-mail to [rotary.handa.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:rotary.handa.scholarship@gmail.com) by 11:59 pm on Friday, May 31, 2019. It is your responsibility to make sure your application is complete and that it is accepted. You may send an e-mail to the above e-mail address or call Mrs. Makiko Nakasone at (818)523-2866 to confirm the receipt of your application. If you are unable to submit all the materials via e-mail, please contact us.

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must satisfy below criteria.

1. Applicants have overcome **adversity** such as physical or psychological challenges, serious sickness and loss of parent(s).
2. Applicants must be **16-24 years old**.
3. Despite the adversity, applicants are making significant **accomplishments or contribution in one of the following four areas**:
4. Academics
5. Sports
6. Culture (music, art, dance, calligraphy, etc.)
7. Volunteer service
8. Applicants must **reside in the L.A. area**.
9. Rotary family members are not eligible.

**Application Instructions:**

1. Complete the **Application Form.**
2. Submit a “**Personal Essay**,” describing what hardship(s) or adversity you have overcome and what achievements you have made in one of the four areas mentioned above. Please also include how this scholarship may make a difference to you. The essay should be more than one page long.
3. For those of you who are applying under 1) Academic Achievements, please submit your **Academic Transcripts** and one **Academic Recommendation Letter**.
4. Submit at least one **Employer/Supervisor/Coach Recommendation Letter** for those who are applying under the other three areas of accomplishments: sports, culture and volunteer service.
5. **Interview:** Only qualified applicants with completed files will be considered for a personal interview. If you are selected, we will contact you by phone or e-mail in early June. All applicants will be notified of their status by e-mail. Scholarship winners will be selected from the interview group.
6. **Scholarship:** Successful applicant(s) will receive a $1,000 scholarship each by the end of June 2019.