



2022 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND REQUIREMENTS

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OBJECTIVE

The basis of the Rotary District 6440 Vocational Scholarship program is to recognize and support the outstanding achievements of men and women who reside within the limits of Rotary District 6440, who are preparing to further themselves in a chosen career technical education (CTE) field. Through career and technical education programs, provided at community colleges, technical training institutions, or vocational training programs, successful applicants will receive financial scholarship awards that can be applied to tuition, books, tools, and supplies that are associated with specific CTE programs.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

In 2022 scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each will be awarded to students who successfully navigate the application and interview process. Applicants must work with the support of local Rotary Clubs who will be able to submit up to two applicants for consideration.

Successful students are to submit enrollment notifications and tuition bills immediately after registration. All scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution students attend. Expenses for books, supplies or tools will be reimbursed with approved receipts reviewed by Rotary District 6440 representatives. Awards not claimed within 12 months of the award date will be forfeited.

Scholarships can be pursued and awarded over multiple years but candidates must participate in the application process each year.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant must be high school graduate, or have a GED certificate.
2. Applicant must be sponsored by a Rotary District 6440 Club.
3. Applicant must be accepted in an approved CTE program.
4. Applicant must live or be employed within Rotary District 6440 geographic Limits.

***NOTE: Residing outside Rotary District 6440 for educational purposes is not a disqualification.**

TIMETABLE

November & December: Applications and promotional materials will be circulated by clubs to area high schools, community colleges, and technical training institutions.

January: Applicants are pursued.

February: Applications are received by Rotary Clubs and Rotary Club interviews are scheduled.

March: Rotary Club interviews are conducted and candidates confirmed. Clubs can submit up to two applications to the District 6440 CTE/Vocational Scholarship program review team.

Applications must be received by the Rotary District 6440 CTE/Vocational Scholarship program review team by **March 19th.** Applicants will be notified by District and Rotary Club representatives of when interviews will occur. Candidate interviews will take place late March or early April.

April: District 6440 interviews are completed, awards determined, and successful candidates notified no later than **April 15th, 2022.** Specific award information will be made available to the sponsoring Rotary Clubs vocational chairs and published on the District 6440 website.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The criteria for selection shall include but not be limited to:

- 1) First Priority is the applicant's aptitude in their chosen field, as measured by:
 - A. High school or college grades related to chosen field of study or area of concentration.
 - B. General employment experience, with increased value considered for employment relating to their chosen technical field of study.
 - C. Volunteer work and extra-curricular activities, including leadership roles and honors, with increased value considered for activities in areas related to their chosen field of study.
 - D. Their knowledge of Rotary and rapport with their sponsoring Rotary Club.

- 2) Second Priority is the indication that the applicant would make a good Rotary representative, as measured by:
 - A. Participation in general extra-curricular activities in school such as music, sports, dance, debate, art, etc., or volunteer work in the community, or received awards for scholastic achievements such as being accepted into the National Honors Society, or awards from competitions, with additional value being placed on participation in Rotary Interact Clubs, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, or Rotary Rotaract Clubs.
 - B. Character recommendations through local Rotary Clubs or letters of recommendation.
 - C. Overall grades and honors in school.

- 3) A minimum of two letters of recommendation addressing the applicant's readiness to successfully pursue the proposed CTE training program. The recommendations can be from teachers, school administrators, employers, etc.

NOTE: Applicants must seek a local Rotary Club to sponsor their application and be available to be interviewed by the local club. Applications will not be considered until endorsed by a District 6440 Rotary Club. Local District 6440 Clubs can be found at www.rotary6440.org/clubsmap.

SUGGESTED CLUB SELECTION PROCESS

The Club Committee

Select a scholarship committee of two or three members from your club to seek out applicants, conduct interviews and sponsor scholarship candidates.

Finding Applicants

Contact local high schools and CTE/Vocational training campuses to encourage publication of Scholarship Applications. Reach out to college resource center, career resource center and financial aid counselors to advise prospective candidates to contact their local Rotary Clubs to seek sponsorship.

Candidate Selection Actions Required

- In November and December publicize the CTE Scholarship Program flier.
- In January make applications available and seek out qualified candidates.
- Gather all applications, review and select candidates for interviews, and interview candidates in February.
- In March, notify candidates that have been selected by your club to participate in District interviews and submit all documents to District 6440 CTE/vocational scholarship representatives by March 19th. Prepare selected candidates for interviews. District vocational committee to interview candidates by the end of March or early April.
- District CTE/vocational scholarship representatives will notify successful candidates by April 15th.

Additional Awards

Clubs are encouraged to fund and make additional local awards to be given to candidates not winning district-level scholarships.

Applicant Preparation

Club selection committees should prepare applicants to be interviewed at the district level. Make sure all application materials are legible and applicants are introduced to and understand the nature of Rotary. Be certain all forms contain both printed and written signatures with current e-mail addresses to insure updates are received on the outcome of the selection process. Applicants prepared by passionate and informed Rotarians have a greater opportunity of success.

Recognition of Scholarship Winners

Rotary Clubs should recognize the District 6440 and Local Club scholarship winners at your Rotary meetings in April. Consider Inviting parents or guardians to attend Club meetings and provide a press release to the local media.

Special Note:

The District CTE/ Vocational Scholarship Committee will communicate primarily through e-mail. Be sure all communications include your name, address, and telephone number.

**VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION RATING FORM**

- 5 = Outstanding
- 4 = Strong Point
- 3 = Neither Strong or Weak
- 2 = Weakness
- 1 = Very Weak Area

Date _____

Student Name _____

Club: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Comments:

Work Experience: _____

Comments:

Grades: _____

Comments:

Skills/Career Related Activities: _____

Comments:

Honors & Awards: _____

Comments:

References (Vocation Related Preferred): _____

Comments:

Overall Ranking: _____

CTE/VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP - INTERVIEW RATING FORM

Date: _____ Student Name _____

| RATING | COMMENTS (Optional) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Appearance:</i> | |
| <i>Enthusiasm:</i> | |
| <i>Portfolio</i> | |
| <i>Leadership Examples:</i> | |
| <i>Organizational Ability:</i> | |
| <i>Knowledge of Chosen Field:</i> | |
| <i>Personality</i> | |
| <i>Honesty:</i> | |
| <i>Speaking Ability/Poise:</i> | |
| <i>Overall Interview:</i> | |

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

What have you accomplished in your chosen field that makes you proud? What experience has made a difference in your life?

What will you do if you don't receive this award?

What are your strengths and weaknesses?

What would people, who know you, say about you?

Why do you like your chosen field?

What accomplishments have been most satisfying? What would a perfect employer look like?

Who are your role models?

What do you owe your employer? What motivates you?

**Interviewed
by Rotarian:**

Signature

Please Print Name

E-Mail Address