

Rotary District 5930 Postsecondary Education Scholarship for Military Veterans
(Up to \$6,600.00 for one calendar year)

Selection is based on academic promise, financial need, and merit.

OVERVIEW

The Rotary District 5930 Postsecondary Education Scholarship for military veterans must be used in the pursuit of undergraduate studies, graduate studies, or a degree/certificate program from a recognized accredited college/university. This purpose of this scholarship is to financially assist veterans who have exhausted government aid, or who might not otherwise have the financial means to further their education. Up to \$6,600.00 will be awarded annually contingent upon the student maintaining the higher education institution's prescribed academic standards and showing evidence of enrollment. More than one scholarship may be awarded each year, if funds are available. The scholarship must be used in its entirety within the calendar year of the award date.

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must meet all of the eligibility requirements listed below and submit the completed application with accompanying materials on or before October 15 of the current year to juanliratx@aol.com. For questions regarding the application, required documents or application processes, please contact Juan Lira at 956-744-6039 or by email at juanliratx@aol.com.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be a United States military veteran who has been honorably discharged.
2. Must demonstrate financial need.
3. Must agree to authorize Rotary District 5930 to publicize your scholarship award, if you are selected.
4. Must be pursuing a degree or certificate program compatible with a declared major/concentration/ area of emphasis compatible with any of the following Focus Areas of Rotary:
 - Peace and Conflict Resolution
 - Disease Prevention and Treatment
 - Water and Sanitation
 - Maternal and Child Health
 - Basic Education and Literacy
 - Economic and Community Development
5. Must be sponsored by a Rotary Club in District 5930
6. Must meet at least one of the following requirements: (i) reside in District 5930; (ii) attend college or university in District 5930; (iii) have graduated from a high school in District 5930. (Rotarians and family members of Rotarians are not eligible.) Membership in a Rotaract Club does not affect eligibility.
7. Certify that he/she will abide by Rotary's Conflict of Interest policy.
8. Certify that he/she is in compliance with Rotary's Conflict of Interest policy.

Selection Process: All applications will be carefully reviewed. Potential scholarship recipients will be required to participate in an interview with the District 5930 Scholarship Committee on November 12, 2016 at the **Corpus Christi** Country Club in Corpus Christi, Texas.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

1. A copy of the veteran's honorable discharge, DD 214 form, or a letter certifying current service and eligibility for release from active duty prior to attending an accredited college or university.
2. Official college transcript(s) for all courses attempted and any degrees or certificates awarded. If postsecondary credits amount to less than 12 semester credit hours and a high school diploma was awarded within the past five years, a high school transcript must be provided. Transcripts must be in the 4.0 grade scale, or if in a different system, translated to the 4.0 scale.
3. A complete signed copy of the applicant's 1040 tax return must be enclosed. It will be used to verify financial need. If the applicant's name appears on anyone else's 1040 tax form, it, too, must be enclosed.
4. A copy of the applicant's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
5. A typed essay from 200-500 words addressing the following points:
 - a. Applicant's reasons for applying for this scholarship
 - b. Applicant's current field of study and future career plans
 - c. A description of the applicant's academic strengths and challenges
 - d. An explanation of what the applicant hopes to gain from pursuing his/her degree/certificate program with the assistance of this scholarship
 - e. An explanation of how completion of his/her degree/certificate program will help the applicant be of service to others
6. Acceptance letter, or a letter stating the student's current status, from an accredited college/university.
7. Proof of college expenses (A copy of expenses out of the college/university publication will suffice.)
8. A résumé detailing military duty and duty stations, awards, volunteer activities, and community services
9. Two letters of recommendation from academic instructors, employers, supervisors (includes military personnel), or other individuals who can attest to the applicant's potential to benefit from the scholarship
10. Original transcripts from all post-secondary colleges and/or universities attended.

Privacy Act Advisory Statement

In the spirit of The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U. S. C. & 552A, as amended, protecting your privacy is important to us. Rotary District 5930 will use your personal information for the sole purpose of evaluating your scholarship application. It will not be shared, sold, or otherwise made available to any individual, corporation, or organization. Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to provide information could preclude your consideration for this scholarship.

Completed application and required materials must be submitted on or before October 15 of the current year to juanliratx@aol.com.

Application for Rotary District 5930 Postsecondary Education Scholarship for Military Veterans

Before completing this application, please read the Overview information describing this scholarship, the eligibility requirements, and the required materials that must be prepared and submitted.

Please print or type. Do not use initials or abbreviations.

Family Name: _____ Given Name: _____

Male ___ Female ___

Current mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____ Telephone (alternative): _____

Country of citizenship: _____

Country of birth: _____

Emergency contact information (relationship, name, address, city, state, country, zip code, phone number, email):

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Post-secondary or university level (If applicable, include any studies planned between now and the scholarship term; list planned or most recent studies first.)

Institution: _____

City, State/Province, Country: _____

Date(s) attended (month & year): _____

Field of Study: _____

Degree or certificate received or expected: _____

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City, State/Province, Country: _____

Date(s) attended (month & year): _____

Field of Study: _____

Degree or certificate received or expected: _____

Secondary School (name and location)	Dates attended (month and year)	Diploma or equivalent
_____	_____	Yes___ No ___
_____	_____	Yes___ No ___

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (outside of the military, if applicable; list current or most recent first)

Name of Employer	Job Title or Type of Work	Dates Worked (Month and Year)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

My signature below certifies that the information provided in this scholarship application is truthful and accurate. I certify that I have read and understand all the requirements for the Rotary District 5930 Postsecondary Education Scholarship for Military Veterans. I also certify that I will abide by Rotary's conflict of interest policy. Likewise, in order to be eligible for any Rotary scholarship funds, I certify that I do not fit into any of the categories listed below.

- Rotarian, including honorary Rotarian
- Employee of a Rotary club, district, or other Rotary Entity, or of Rotary International
- Spouse, lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood, legal adoption, or marriage without adoption), spouse of lineal descendants, or ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of person(s) in the above categories
- Employee of an agency, organization, or institution that partners with The Rotary Foundation or Rotary International
- Former Rotarian or honorary Rotarian who has terminated membership within the preceding 36 months
- Person who is ineligible based on familial relationship to a former Rotarian or honorary Rotarian, for a period of 36 months after termination of the family member's membership

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

LOCAL ROTARY CLUB ENDORSEMENT

In order to submit your application, you must first be sponsored by a local Rotary Club, which can be any club in Rotary District 5930. If you are unsure of the closest Club, please visit the Rotary District 5930 website: <http://www.rotary5930.org>. The Club will usually want to informally interview you before they submit your application to ensure you are a suitable candidate. Please note that this process may take time; consequently, do not wait until the last minute to contact a Club. A Club representative (ideally the President of the Club) will need to sign the last page of this application, which will need to be submitted with the rest of your attachments.

**ROTARY CLUB ENDORSEMENT FOR ROTARY DISTRICT 5930 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
FOR MILITARY VETERANS**

Name of The Rotary Club _____

City: _____ State: _____

Proposes (Name of Applicant): _____

For the Rotary District 5930 Postsecondary Education Scholarship for Military Veterans and forwards this application to the appropriate District official, as instructed.

Club Representative (Preferably Club President):

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Club interviewed this candidate in person. Yes ___ No ___ If *no*, please explain why not.

Optional: If yes, you may add a summary of the interview or additional comments about the candidate.

ROTARY CLUBS: Please email completed application with accompanying materials to Juan Lira at juanliratx@aol.com.

Deadline for submission is October 15 of the current year.