

Project Description

This is a General description of the Grant project. Outline in detail the humanitarian need your project will address, the intent of the project, how the project will be implemented, and how Rotarians will be directly involved in the project. Note that the Estimated budget is only the initial grant request amount; to outline details on the various budget items, including those from other funding sources, go to the Budget tab.

Grant Project:	Bridge to Success
Primary Sponsoring Club:	Rotary Club of McAllen North
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Project Total Budget:	\$4,000.00
Grant Budget:	\$4,000.00
Project Expected Income:	\$4,000.00
Grant Expected Income:	\$2,000.00

General Description

Describe the project and the problem or need it will address, including the intended beneficiaries and how the project will benefit the community in need. Provide the estimated length of time needed to complete the project.

See Memorandum of Understanding between applicant and District 5930

This project is designed to help ten low-income At-risk High School students enroll in concurrent college courses at the South Texas College Campus in McAllen. This program will help these students receive college credit while in high school, and experience the college life, thus building their self confidence in attaining their Associate Degree. The students will also participate in a field trip to the University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley (UT-RGV) with other classmates, faculty and Rotarians.

An emphasis will be placed on raising public awareness thru all media sources of the important role of Rotary in promoting the value of education to young people in order to achieve their life goals.

Community Assessment & Impact

Describe how the benefiting community has been determined and what impact will be made by this project after grant funding has been fully expended.

The McAllen North Rotary Club has adopted Options High School at Lamar Academy and each month celebrates the boy and girl student of the month from that campus.

Options High School provides special academic support for students who are at risk of dropping out or failing because of personal circumstances, such as death in the family, pregnancy, illness or violence.

Ten (10) selected students will have the opportunity to participate in concurrent enrollment courses at South Texas College, so that they may earn college credits prior to graduating from High School.

This educational strategy strengthens the probability of successful completion of High School and continuation at the college level of studies.

The members of the McAllen North Rotary Club will mentor each of the project participants in order to ensure the completion of the course work and identify future career goals.

A field trip to the new University of Texas- Rio Grande Valley will provide the opportunity to meet with selected faculty, learn about different programs, meet Rotaract members, and visit with the Admissions Office to understand how to transfer their college credits to the university.

This project will also raise public awareness of the role of Rotary in promoting education as pathway out of poverty.

Press releases and success stories will be submitted to all media outlets.

Sustainability

Please explain the plan on how to maintain this project for a long period of time.

This concurrent enrollment program will be sustained by contributions from the Options High School Parent Teacher Student Association and scholarships from the McAllen North Rotary Club.

Publicity will be provided thru local newspapers, McAllen ISD newsletters, South Texas Community College bulletins and UT-RGV newspapers in order to raise awareness of this important project.

Members of the Lamar Academy Interact Club will assist in documenting this project thru social media and all public media outlets (television, radio and newspaper).

Implementation Plan

Describe specific activities of the sponsoring club and any partners in implementing the project. What will the Rotarians who are members of the partner clubs do during the project? Please note that financial support is not considered active involvement.

The project committee is comprised of three Rotarians who will supervise the execution of the grant and oversee the expenditure of funds. The committee will organize in conjunction with Options High School an inaugural and concluding event to celebrate this project and promote the role of Rotary.

Rotarians from the McAllen North Rotary Club, along with any other interested Rotarians from the region, will be invited to participate in eight (8) monthly school visits, to mentor and provide vocational talks to the students. The Club will also participate in one (1) Career Day event at Options High School Campus.

Students from the "Bridge to Success" project will receive a certificate of participation at a special program at our McAllen North Rotary Club meeting. We will also arrange a public presentation on this project to the McAllen ISD Board.

Rotary Clubs will promote this activity through social media and other public promotion opportunities. Students in the Options Interact Club will assist in documenting this college experience.

Expected Expenses

List all anticipated expenses for this project, including those that will be funded outside of the District grant portion.

Description	Supplier	Currency	Total	Amount
Books and Supplies for Ten (10) students @ \$100.00 each	South Texas Book Store	USD	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Tuition for Ten (10) students @ \$200.00 each	South Texas College	USD	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Field trip to UT-RGV "Bus Transportation"	McAllen ISD	USD	\$600.00	\$600.00

Description	Supplier	Currency	Total	Amount
Meals at UT-RGV for 40 participants @ \$ 10.00 each	UT-RGV cafeteria	USD	\$400.00	\$400.00
			Total:	\$4,000.00

Expected Income

List all anticipated income for this project, including funds that will be contributed by the club, other partners and the District grant portion.

Description	Funding Source	Amount	%
Options High School PTSA	Club/Other	\$1,000.00	25.00 %
McAllen North Rotary Club	Club/Other	\$1,000.00	25.00 %
District 5930 Grant	District Grant	\$2,000.00	50.00 %
Total:		\$4,000.00	100.00 %

Local Club Partners

List any partnering clubs within the District. Note that only one grant application needs to be made by the main sponsoring club.

There's no Sponsoring Clubs specified for this application.

Cooperating Organizations

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The McAllen North Rotary Club will partner with Options High School, OHS Parent-Teacher-Student Association, the McAllen ISD, UT-RGV, and South Texas College, to ensure the

success of the project. The Club will also invite other major universities to visit with the students to help bridge their path to a Bachelor's Degree.

All project related activities will be promoted via press releases to all local media outlets. We will also request to appear on the City of McAllen and McAllen ISD television networks to recognize the contribution of Rotary to education in the Rio Grande Valley Community.