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**ROCK ISLAND ROTARY AWARDS “SERVICE ABOVE SELF” SCHOLARSHIP**

Cassidy DeMeyer, 18, Rock Island, is the first recipient of the “Fred Houlton Service Above Self” $1,000 scholarship from the Rotary Club of Rock Island.

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A 2021 graduate of Rock Island High School, she will attend Augustana College to study environmental biology.

“As the first in my family to attend college, I am honored and thrilled to be chosen for this award,” Ms. DeMeyer said. “I promise to do my best to live up to the ideals expressed by Rotary.”

The award criteria included grade point average, extracurricular activities, and an essay describing what Rotary’s motto of “service above self” meant to them. The scholarship is administered by the Rock Island-Milan Education Foundation.

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The scholarship is named in Honor of Fred Houlton, Rock Island, a long-time school administrator and member of the Rock Island Rotary Club.

“Rock Island Rotary has a long history of supporting students in our community through Youth Leadership awards, the Youth Exchange program and Roteract Club for older teens, the Earlyact Club for elementary-age students, and out partnership with Earl Hanson Elementary School,” said Justin Peterson, Club President.

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“This scholarship is one more expression of our support for youth.”

The scholarship is funded by the proceeds of fundraisers by Rock Island Rotary. The scholarship is endowed and will be awarded annually.

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Established in 1914, the Rock Island Rotary Club has 92 members who participate in numerous community service projects and raise funds for grants to no0nprofit organizations.

Club meetings are on Tuesday at Noon at the Quad City Botanical Center, 2525 4th Avenue, Rock Island.

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