



District Scholarship Guidelines

1. Eligibility: District Scholarships will be awarded only to undergraduate students who will be attending an approved college or university including vocational or technical schools within the United States. Applicants are eligible in any year of undergraduate study. The candidate can receive more than one District Scholarship Grant in subsequent undergraduate years.

Candidates cannot be Rotarians, honorary Rotarians, or employees of a club, district, or other Rotary entity or of Rotary International. Spouses, lineal descendants (child or grandchild by blood, adopted or not adopted), spouses of lineal descendants, and ancestors (parent or grandparent by blood, adopted or not adopted) of persons in the foregoing categories are also ineligible. Rotarians and their relatives remain ineligible for scholarship awards for 36 months after a Rotarian has discontinued club membership.

2. Each Club submitting an application for District Scholarships will be responsible for selecting and interviewing candidates. Clubs will develop their own criteria for selection to candidacy while conforming to these District Scholarship Guidelines. Clubs will include their criteria with the Club application submission.

3. Candidates must be a resident within District 5180. Interact and Rotaract students may be candidates provided they are not subject to the eligibility restrictions noted above in item 1.

4. We recommend that payment of the District Scholarship, once approved, be made directly to the designated school, once registration has been completed. However, this is not required and checks may be paid directly to the student. It is recommended that the Club receive verification of registration from the student prior to payment.

5. The award of a District Scholarship Grant to a Club does not preclude a Club from applying for a general District Grant, providing the total from both categories does not exceed \$5,000.

6. Should the Club applications exceed the total amount of funds available, the District Grant Committee will evaluate and rate all eligible applications based on their adherence to the District criteria, and weight will be given to the per capita contributions of those clubs.

7. Applications may be submitted between **March 1, 2016 and April 30, 2016**, only by email, to Mary Lyn Kagan at kagan1228@gmail.com , 916-478-6291.

These applications include the Scholarship "Placeholder" application, that does not name specific scholarship recipients, which is due **April 30, 2016**. Essentially, through the Placeholder form/application, a Club is applying to reserve District Scholarship Grant funds for the Scholarships they intend to give during the 2016-17 Rotary year. The application only requires the Club enter the amount in total (if multiple Scholarship awards are planned) and the signature of the current President.

By **June 30, 2016**, the District Grant Application is due from Clubs that submitted the Placeholder form/application. The District Grant Application should contain names of the specific candidate(s) and the amount of their scholarship, affirm that they are not related to a Rotarian, are residents within the District, and are attending or plan to attend an approved college, university, vocational or technical school within the United States. The Club should note their selection criteria, but that would only be used in the case of ranking applications if requests exceed District Foundation available funds.