

Rotary District 5870

2020-2021 District Vocational Scholarship Application

District 5870 Vocational Scholarships are intended to provide education or training that prepares students for careers that do not require a Bachelor's college degree or higher to perform. These scholarships are **not** intended for students planning to attend a community college or technical school for the purpose of transferring credits earned to a 4-year, upper level college.

Scholarship candidates must:

- Reside in one of the 23 counties that comprise District 5870
Bastrop, Bell, Bosque, Burleson, Burnet, Coryell, Falls, Fayette, Freestone, Hampton, Hill, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Limestone, McLennan, Milam, Mills, Navarro, Robertson, Travis, Williamson
- Attend a community college or technical school located in one of the 23 counties that comprise District 5870, or an adjacent county if a qualifying college is not available in the club's county with approval from the District Scholarship Chair.
Austin Community College, Central Texas College, Hill College, McLennan Community College, Navarro College, Temple College, Texas State Technical College (in Waco or Hutto)
- Eligible programs of study should require at least one year but no more than two years of course work leading to a 2-year Associate of Applied Science or shorter-term credit Certificate program completed at an accredited community or technical college.
 - Degrees should lead to immediate employability upon completion in the field of study. Broad areas include engineering, technology, business, accounting, allied health (medical), construction and manufacturing trades, and public service that do not require a 4-year college degree to perform. Information on this type of program and a search function may be found at www.TexasGenuine.Org.
 - If a prospective applicant selects a program of study that is not clearly included in the above, please contact the Vocational Scholarship Chair for approval.
- Agree to complete a service project related to the selected program of study/career field, if selected for the scholarship, prior to completion of the program, with their partner Rotary Club. Students selected for interviews will work with their sponsoring Rotary Club to develop an outline of the proposed project and be prepared to provide an overview, along with ideas for funding the project during his or her district interview.
- Begin his or her academic program during either the Fall of 2020 or Spring of 2021;
- Agree to appear in person at both a Rotary Club interview and at the district interviews if selected as a finalist. If, for any reason, the Scholarship candidate is unable to be interviewed in person on the day of the interviews, he or she will not be eligible to receive a scholarship.

These interviews are scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 16, 2020.

Rotary Clubs interested in sponsoring a District Vocational Scholarship applicant should read the *2020-21 District Vocational Scholarship Handbook* for a complete understanding of the qualifications and requirements.

Applicants must submit this application and all supplementary sheets completed in full to a Rotary club in District 5870. All required documents (see Section 2) must reach the District Rotary Scholarships Chair no later than April 30th, 2020.

SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB:

SECTION 1 – APPLICANT INFORMATION

Contact Information

Last Name

First Name

Gender:

Male

Female

Permanent Address:

E-Mail Address:

Primary Phone:

Secondary Phone:

Places (with dates) that applicant has lived during the past 5 years:

Date	Place

List the educational institutions you have attended most recently.

Name of Educational Institution	Degree Earned or Expected	Date From	Date To

Employment/Volunteerism History (List most recent first)

Employer/Volunteer Organization	Title or Type of Work	Date From	Date To

Proposed Academic Program Details

Name of Institution: Location (city):

Institution's Web Site:

Academic Program:

Anticipated Start Date: Anticipated End Date:

Goals and Objectives

1. Provide a description of the program coursework, such as a list of the classes you plan to take, and any relevant links to further information about the program on the website.

2. What past education or experience has led to your interest in this particular program at this institution? Why do you want to pursue a career in this field?

3. Describe your educational and professional goals, including your career plans, and how your chosen program of study will help to advance these goals.

4. How will this program lead to a long-term career in your desired field of work?

5. Rotary values community service and follows the motto of "Service above Self". Please describe your involvement in the community or in community service, and any service organizations. Include any leadership roles you have had and any projects or programs in which you have participated.

5. TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO DISTRICT INTERVIEW, IN COOPERATION WITH SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB: A service project, related to your program of study, must be completed as part of your scholarship. This project should fill some need in the community and use skills you develop in your coursework. Using the space below, provide a few ideas of the types of projects that might be needed in your community.

SECTION 2 – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. **ROTARY CLUB ENDORSEMENT:** Form attached. This must accompany the application.
2. **RECOMMENDATION FORMS (2):** Forms attached. After completion, request the Endorser send the form to the District 5870 Scholarships Subcommittee Chair:

Barbara Merlo
3433 Bob White Lane
Belton, TX 76513
merlobarb@gmail.com
254-291-6422
3. **TRANSCRIPTS:** Your most recent academic transcripts must either be attached or sent to District 5870 Scholarships Subcommittee Chair at the email or address above.
4. **OPTIONAL:** If you are comfortable doing so, please attach a recent photograph. You may also provide any information you think would be relevant as we consider you for this scholarship, including a resume.

NOTE:

The District 5870 Scholarships Subcommittee Chair must receive your application and all required documents from your Rotary Club sponsor no later than April 30th, 2020, in either electronic (preferred) or hard copy. Incomplete applications and applications received after this date will not be considered

SECTION 3 - APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby apply for District 5870 Vocational Scholarship.

1. I certify that:
 - a) I am eligible to apply, understanding that persons in the following categories are ineligible:
 - i) A Rotarian or Honorary Rotarian;
 - ii) An employee of a Rotary club or district, of Rotary International, or of another Rotary-affiliated entity;
 - iii) A spouse, a lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or adoption), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any living person in the foregoing two categories; and
 - iv) That Rotarians and their relatives as described above remain ineligible for 36 months after resignation.
 - b) I reside in one of the 23 counties that comprise District 5870;
 - c) I will attend an accredited community college or technical school located in one of the 23 counties that comprise District 5870;

- d) I will study an Associate of Applied Science or Certificate. Degrees should lead to immediate employability upon completion in the field of study. Broad areas include engineering, technology, business, accounting, allied health (medical), construction and manufacturing trades, and public service that do not require a 4-year college degree to perform. Information on this type of program and a search function may be found at www.TexasGenuine.Org. If a prospective applicant is interested in a program of study that is not clearly included in the above, the Rotary Club POC should contact the Vocational Scholarship Chair for approval.
- e) I will begin my program of study during either the Fall of 2020 or Spring of 2021.
2. Prior to the district scholarship interviews , I understand that I am required to:
- Work with my sponsoring Rotary Club to develop an outline of my required service project and its anticipated budget as outlined in 2020-21 District Vocational Scholarship Handbook
 - Work with my sponsoring Rotary Club to complete my estimated budget expenses as outlined in 2020-21 District Vocational Scholarship Handbook.
 - Gain admission to the community college or technical school at which I intend to study.
3. If I receive a District 5870 Vocational Scholarship, I understand that:
- The academic program I am undertaking must be no shorter than one academic year in duration, nor longer than two years.
 - I must abide by any decisions made by Rotary District 5870 and/or my sponsoring Rotary Club concerning my scholarship.
 - As noted in paragraph 2a above, I will be required to complete the service project during my period of study. I further understand that:
 - The project must be conducted within District 5870 and be related to my area of study.
 - I will be expected to adhere to the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants as outlined in 2020-21 District Vocational Scholarship Handbook.
 - My scholarship studies can begin no earlier than August 1, 2020, and that I will not receive scholarship funding for any studies undertaken before this date.
 - The funding contained in the approved budget can only be used for items required for:
 - My studies (tuition, books, lab fees, other classroom and/or school fees and expenses, certification testing, and tools and equipment approved by my Rotary Club sponsor)
 - Completion of my humanitarian service project.
 - Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5870 and my sponsoring Rotary Club assume no responsibility or financial obligation whatsoever beyond providing the amount of the funding contained in the approved budget.
 - I am eligible to apply for a second scholarship to continue my studies provided that my academic record at the conclusion of the initial scholarship is acceptable. I further understand that no preference will be given to me if I decide to apply for a second scholarship.
 - I am expected to learn about Rotary International and to fulfill the following scholarship responsibilities:
 - Attend any scholarship orientation programs organized by District 5870 or my sponsoring Rotary Club.
 - Maintain academic studies with distinction, giving equal importance to the academic and vocational aspects of my scholarship.
 - Maintain communication with my sponsoring Rotarian Club before, during, and after my study period.

- (4) Offer to share my vocational experiences at Rotary clubs or district meetings, and participate in Rotary Foundation alumni activities.
- i) I am expected to embrace Rotary's spirit of volunteerism and engage in volunteer activities in my local community.
 - j) My scholarship does not guarantee that I will earn a degree, diploma, or certificate.
 - k) I must advise Rotary District 5870 of any other stipend or grant received during my scholarship year.
 - l) My scholarship may be revoked for any of the following reasons:
 - i) Failure to maintain good academic standing pursuant to the community college or technical school standards throughout the scholarship period;
 - ii) Evidence of misconduct;
 - iii) Failure to submit reports required by my sponsoring Rotary Club on time;
 - iv) Change in study program without the consent of Rotary District 5870;
 - v) Withdrawal from the institution before expiration of the scholarship period;
 - vi) Failure to provide my sponsoring Rotary Club with current contact information (including mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address) at all times throughout the scholarship period;
 - vii) Failure to maintain regular communications with my sponsoring Rotary Club;
 - viii) A contingency that prevents me from fulfilling all the obligations of the scholarship.
 - m) Revocation of a scholarship shall cause all payments to cease and may make me personally liable for the return of payments previously provided.
 - n) Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5870, my sponsoring Rotary Club, and the study institution are in no way liable for my personal welfare or are responsible for enabling me to pursue my studies beyond the scholarship period.

Name of Applicant (please print)

Signature

Date

SECTION 4 - ROTARY CLUB ENDORSEMENT

The Rotary Club of _____

City _____ State Texas ZIP _____

after consideration of _____ applicants, proposes _____
(number) (Name of Applicant - please print)

for a District 5870 Vocational Scholarship and forwards this application to the District 5870 Grants Subcommittee Chair as instructed. This is our number _____ applicant out of _____ applicants being proposed to District 5870 (***a limit of two applicants may be proposed per club per Rotary year***).

The Rotary Club selection committee interviewed this candidate on _____.

The Rotary Club selection committee reviewed the District Vocational Scholarship Handbooks all the requirements

The Rotary Club understands it must complete the District 5870 Club Grant Qualification Process.

Each Rotary Club whose applicant(s) received a District 5870 Vocational Scholarship must assign a Rotarian Sponsor Counselor. The Sponsor Counselor will be a knowledgeable Rotarian who serves as a resource and mentor to the scholar before, during, and after the scholarship period.

The following Rotarian has been appointed as our Sponsor Counselor, should the applicant receive a scholarship:

Name of Sponsor Counselor

Street Address

City

State

ZIP

Telephone

E-Mail Address

I hereby affirm that the Rotarian appointed as Scholar Counselor has been Grant Management Certified by District 5870.

Name of Club President (please print)

Signature of Club President

Date

Telephone

E-Mail Address

Please retain a complete copy of this application for your records.

ACADEMIC/EMPLOYER RECOMMENDATION

SECTION I — To be completed by the applicant.

Name of Applicant _____

I _____waive _____do not waive my right to access information on Part II of this Recommendation Form.

Signature of Applicant _____

SECTION II — To be completed by an academic instructor or employer/supervisor.

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?

2. Explain why you think this field and/or program is a good fit for this candidate

3. How would you rate the applicant in the following areas? If you are unable to evaluate an area, please leave it blank.

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Leadership				
Initiative				
Seriousness of purpose				
Enthusiasm				
Adaptability				
Maturity				
Emotional stability				
Public speaking				
Community service				

4. Please cite specific examples of how the applicant has demonstrated the qualities listed in question 3.

5. Tell us about any first-hand knowledge that you have of the applicant's involvement in the community and/or any leadership roles.

Name Title or Position

Signature Date

Institution/Company

Telephone Fax E-Mail Address

Please return completed evaluation to the address below, or put in a sealed envelope, sign the seal, and give to the applicant:

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Belton, TX 76513
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TO BE COMPLETED IF THE APPLICANT IS SELECTED AS A DISTRICT 5870 VOCATIONAL SCHOLAR

CONTACT INFORMATION

Primary Phone: _____

Secondary Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

AGREEMENT

I accept the scholarship granted described below by Rotary District 5870 and the Rotary Club of _____.

In accepting this scholarship, I understand and agree that:

1. District 5870 Vocational Scholarships are intended to provide education or training that prepares me for a career that does not require a Bachelor's college degree or higher to perform.
2. The training program can be no less than one academic year in length, and no more than two years.
3. These scholarships are not intended for anyone wanting to attend a community college or technical school with the intent of later transferring credits earned to a 4-year, upper level college.
4. I have read the Terms and Conditions for Rotary Foundation District Grants and will adhere to all policies that apply to scholarships and the proper use of the funds awarded.
5. I remain eligible to receive a Rotary Scholarship, understanding that persons in the following categories are ineligible:
 - a. A Rotarian or Honorary Rotarian;
 - b. An employee of a Rotary club or district, of Rotary International, or of another Rotary-affiliated entity;
 - c. A spouse, a lineal descendant (child or grandchild by blood or adoption), a spouse of a lineal descendant, or an ancestor (parent or grandparent by blood) of any living person in the foregoing two categories; and
 - d. That Rotarians and their relatives as described above remain ineligible for 36 months after resignation.
6. I reaffirm that I:
 - a. Currently reside in one of the 23 counties that comprise District 5870;
 - b. Will attend an accredited community college or technical school located in one of the 23 counties that comprise District 5870;
 - c. Will study one of the areas listed in the *2018-19 District Vocational Scholarship Handbook*.

- d. Will begin my program of study during either the Fall of 2019 or Spring of 2020.
 - e. Agree to seek work in one of the 23 counties that comprise District 5870 following graduation and/or certification.
7. My scholarship is intended to defray only my expenses during the scholarship period and cannot be used towards the costs of another person's expenses.
8. Depending on tax laws, the scholarship may be taxable to me in part or in full, and I acknowledge that I am solely responsible for investigating and paying all local, state and/or federal taxes that pertain to the funding of my scholarship.
9. Deferral or postponement of studies after the scholarship study period has begun must be requested in writing and submitted to the District 5870 Grants Subcommittee for consideration.
10. I will keep my sponsoring Rotary Club advised of my current mailing address, telephone number, and email address at all times before and during my study period.
11. I will participate in orientation activities offered by my sponsoring Rotary Club or Rotary District 5870.
12. I will participate in a service project somewhere within the 23 counties that comprise District 5870 during my period of study. This service project must fall within my area of study.
13. I will submit progress reports to my sponsoring Rotary Club every 6 months for the term of my scholarship, including a final report one month before completion of my scholarship period
14. I understand that my scholarship may be revoked for any of the following reasons:
 - a. Failure to maintain good academic standing pursuant to the community college or technical school standards throughout the scholarship period;
 - b. Evidence of misconduct;
 - c. Failure to submit reports required by my sponsoring Rotary Club on time;
 - d. Change in study program without the consent of Rotary District 5870;
 - e. Withdrawal from the institution before expiration of the scholarship period;
 - f. Failure to provide my sponsoring Rotary Club with current contact information (including mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address) at all times throughout the scholarship period;
 - g. Failure to maintain regular communications with my sponsoring Rotary Club;
 - h. A contingency that prevents me from fulfilling all the obligations of the scholarship.
15. I am solely responsible for my actions and property while participating in, and traveling to and from, grant activities and/or scholarship activities. I understand these risks and assume all risks involved with this scholarship and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5870 and my sponsoring Rotary Club from any and all damages or injuries that may result from the above.
16. If I terminate my scholarship before normal completion, or if my scholarship is terminated by Rotary District 5870, I forfeit all rights to any additional Rotary District 5870 funding.

17. I will promptly return any unused grant funds to my sponsoring Rotary Club.
18. Rotary District 5870 and my sponsoring Rotary Club are permitted to share my name, scholarship amount, my field of study, and the name of the institution at which I am studying with other Rotary Clubs in District 5870, the District 5870 Grants Audit Committee, and with The Rotary Foundation.
19. Unless I indicate otherwise in writing, by submission of any photos in connection with my report(s), I hereby give publication rights to Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary District 5870 and my sponsoring Rotary Club for promotional purposes to further the Object of Rotary,

Name (please print):

Signature (mandatory):

Date: