



## Information for Sponsoring Rotary Clubs

*Club sponsorship provides the ability to identify and build relationships with worthy applicants. Your job is critical to our process. You are our eyes and ears. We depend on you to identify any concerns that the applicant might be being pushed a direction they have no real interest in going. This kind of pressure could come from well-meaning friends or family members. It's also possible an over-zealous salesperson over-sold what the benefits or the new vocation would be without providing a clear understanding of what personal/vocational challenges they will face.*

**It is important you know there is NO cost to a Rotary club to sponsor an applicant.**

Send Questions to: [trvfarotary@gmail.com](mailto:trvfarotary@gmail.com)

**When a student has not named a club on their application and TRVFA Grant Application Processing has determined the applicant and their vocational program meet our program standards.**

- Grant Application Processing will identify a contact person in a Rotary Club as near the school or residence of the applicant as possible and affirm their sincere intent to consider sponsorship.

**If the applicant did identify a specific club, that club will be contacted.**

**When the application is completed successfully, and club name and contact person are identified**

- The club contact will be invited to log into the Submittable platform to review the application and the review format.
- Only If time allows do we urge clubs to invite the applicant to attend a club meeting and be allowed to speak for 2-3 minutes on who they are and why they are seeking their club's sponsorship of their TRVFA grant.
- The interview can be built around a club meeting or scheduled separately.
  - It is acceptable to conduct the interviews electronically or by phone.
  - In some cases, several club members will participate in the interview as a committee
  - In other cases, an individual club member will conduct the interview on their own.
  - If your club has a Vocational Service Chair, it would be appropriate for them to lead the interview process.
- Provide some information about Rotary and your club so the applicant understands our commitment to effecting positive change in the world, in our communities, and in ourselves.
- There are some "standard" review questions in the Submittable review process. These were developed by individuals who had been active in conducting club sponsorship interviews for TRVFA. They are designed to flag any legitimate concerns that the applicant might not be in a position to successfully complete the program at this time or be a good fit for the vocation they have applied to study.

We don't want to use our donors' funds to set any applicant up for failure. If you do have concerns, some mentoring would be in order to help the applicant spend time preparing a back-up system to bridge logistical challenges and reapply later.

**When the interview is complete, be certain the "yes/no" question as to whether or not your club will sponsor the applicant has been answered. Please do input a comment about your impression of the applicant.**

**We encourage clubs to invite successful applicants to participate in a meeting after they have completed their program. Their stories are the best way to communicate the benefits of TRVFA to your fellow club members.**

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