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.

Grant Application Processing Contact:
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If a student has provided your club name and contact information on their application
• You will be kept informed of the progress of the application as it is being processed
• Use the above contact information if you have questions at any time

If a student has not named a club on their application and processing has been successfully completed
• The student will be asked to contact a local Rotary Club and will be given the appropriate District Website to assist them in finding a club.
• The student will be provided suggested e-mail content to use in reaching out to the club for sponsorship.
• Once contact is established with a club with sincere intent to consider sponsorship, the student or the club contact will provide the club name and contact information to Grant Application Processing.

When the application is successfully completed and club name and contact are identified
• Your club contact will be provided with the forms you will need for the interview process.
• If time allows, 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 that club meeting or scheduled separately.
• Ideally, several club members will participate in the interview. 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 they understand our commitment to making positive changes in the world, in our communities, and in ourselves.
• There are no required questions, but some we suggest are:
  o What motivated you to choose this field of study?
  o What are your career goals after completion of the training?
  o How will those goals be accomplished?
  o Do you have the financial resources to take care of your needs and incidental expenses beyond what the grant will cover?
  o How long will it take you to complete the educational program?
  o Are you willing to stay in touch with us during your training, when completed, and after you go to work in your new profession?
  o Do you have any history of volunteer work or community service?
  o Do you have any interest in helping with any of our community service projects?

When the interview is complete, your club will make a recommendation regarding whether to sponsor the student or not. In either case, the Club Certification Form must be completed and returned. (Return instructions are listed on the form.)