



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.

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

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When a student has not named a club on their application and processing has been successfully completed

- 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.

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

- The club contact will be provided with the forms needed 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 the applicant understands our commitment to effecting positive change in the world, in our communities, and in ourselves. **(During COVID-19 shut-downs, interviews should be done via Zoom or phone.)**
- There are no required questions, but some we suggest are:
 - What motivated you to choose this field of study?
 - What are your career goals after completion of the training?
 - How will those goals be accomplished?
 - How will you pay for your training beyond the funding provided by TRVFA?
 - Do you have the financial resources to take care of your needs and incidental expenses beyond what the grant will cover?
 - How long will it take you to complete the educational program?
 - Are you willing to stay in touch with us occasionally attending club meetings during your training, when completed, and after you go to work in your new profession?
 - Do you have any history of volunteer work or community service?
 - What do you know about Rotary? (Provides interviewer's opportunity to give overview)
 - 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 to Grant Application Processing. (Return instructions are listed on the form.)