

ROTARY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Rotary Club of Sammamish Spring 2010

1. Sponsorship

The scholarship program is a community service activity of the Rotary Club of Sammamish. The Rotary Club of Sammamish expects to award a total of \$15,000 in scholarship grants, to outstanding college-bound students in the Sammamish community. The number of individual grants and their amounts will be decided by the Rotary Club of Sammamish based on the applicant pool.

2. Eligibility

To be eligible, each scholarship grant applicant must:

- a. Be a senior either at one of the three Sammamish high schools (Eastlake, Eastside Catholic, or Skyline) or in an accredited home-schooling program that is within the school district educational boundaries of Eastlake or Skyline High Schools;
- b. Intend to attend any accredited university, college, community college, or vocational/technical institute beginning in the fall of 2010;
- c. Establish achievement in school or community-related activities and services; and
- d. Submit a complete 2010 Application prior to the application deadline which is in conformance with all requirements described in this overview and on the application form and including all materials listed below. Applicants *must* use the 2010 Application. Prior year or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- e. Have an email address which they regularly monitor, as this will be the primary form of communication between the applicant and the Rotary Club of Sammamish.

Applicants related to anyone who is or has been a member of the Rotary Club of Sammamish at any time in the past 2 years are ineligible. The following relationships are cause for ineligibility for a scholarship grant, whether by birth, marriage, or civil proceeding: son, daughter, brother, sister, grandson, granddaughter, cousin, nephew, niece, uncle, aunt. In determining ineligibility by dint of relationship the determination of the Rotary Club of Sammamish shall be final and not subject to appeal.

3. Scholarship awards

Scholarships will be applied towards school tuition and fees only. Scholarships must be used during the 2010-2011 school year. Payment will be made directly to the educational institution upon the award recipient's submission of a statement from the institution to the Rotary Club of Sammamish Treasurer that includes the amount, remittance address, and student account number. The award recipient is solely responsible for providing this information to the Rotary Club of Sammamish; no reminders will be sent.

4. Criteria for Selection

In awarding scholarships the Rotary Club of Sammamish shall evaluate the candidates based on the following criteria:

- a. Involvement and service in school and community service organizations.
- b. Statement of how the candidate intends to fund his/her education.

- c. Academic excellence.
- d. Character, integrity, initiative and other personal qualities.

5. Application must include the following:

- a. Completed application form.
- b. Official high school transcript.
- c. Letters of recommendation from two teachers from the student's current school. For home-schooled students, the Rotary Club of Sammamish strongly prefers recommendations from teachers who are *not* parents or otherwise related to the student.
- d. One letter of recommendation from a responsible member of the Sammamish community who is neither a relative of the applicant nor a staff member of the applicant's school. Applicants are encouraged to select someone closely familiar with their community or charity work.

6. Process

- a. Applicant submits completed application to his/her school counseling office, or by mail to the Rotary Club of Sammamish.
- b. Applicants selected for interview are notified by email of interview place/time.
- c. 25-minute interview of applicant by members of the Rotary Club of Sammamish.
- d. Review and determination of awards and award amounts by the Rotary Club of Sammamish.
- e. Notification to applicants and schools.
- f. Payment of award amounts directly to educational institutions.

7. Interviews

Applicants will provide three days/times at which they pledge to be available for interview. The Rotary Club of Sammamish will make every effort to give all applicants their first or second choice but can make no guarantees. Applicants selected for interviews will be notified of the time and place of their interview. Applicants are expected to remain available for all choices provided on the application and, once notified of their specific interview day and time, are expected to be available then and subsequently to confirm their intention to appear at the specific interview date and time. Changes to the schedule will be possible only under extraordinary circumstances. Applicants unable to make their interview will be ineligible for an award.

8. Timeline/Checklist for Applicants

- February 16—Applications available from school career office and on-line at www.sammamishrotary.org.
- March 25—Applications due at the school career office or by mail to the Rotary Club of Sammamish, 3020 Issaquah Pine Lake Road SE, PMB 11, Sammamish, WA 98075. All applications must be received either at the school career office or at the above address by the end-of-day on March 25. Applicants mailing their applications should do so well enough in advance to ensure timely arrival. All late or incomplete applications will be rejected without review. There will be no exceptions; applicants are encouraged to be timely, carefully check their applications, and to follow up with those they have

requested to write their letters of recommendation to ensure that they are aware of this deadline.

- April 2—Email notification to applicants selected for interview of interview place/time
- April 5 - Email confirmation of interview appointment from applicants to chris@leyerle.com
- April 12—First day of scheduled applicant interviews
- April 25—Last day of scheduled applicant interviews
- May 2—Notification of awards to applicants and schools
- (Various)—Award ceremonies at each school
- October 31—Final day to submit statement for payment of award to Rotary Club of Sammamish Treasurer. Remember, this is solely the responsibility of the award recipient.

9. Miscellaneous

If selected for an award, applicants consent to the use of their name, picture, and selected information from their application (but excluding any contact information) in Rotary Club of Sammamish publicity. While the Rotary Club of Sammamish is committed to the youth of our community and to the offering of this program, it nonetheless reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to amend, augment, or cancel all or any part of this program at any time and for any reason. Questions may be addressed to Chris Leyerle at 425-890-1400 or via e-mail to chris@leyerle.com.

10. About the Rotary Club of Sammamish

The Rotary Club of Sammamish is part of Rotary International, which consists of more than 30,000 clubs in over 200 countries. There are over a million Rotarians, each working to strengthen their local community and contributing toward the goal of polio eradication.

All Rotarians work locally to raise money for both local and international humanitarian causes. During the month of January 2010, for example, the Rotary Club of Sammamish alone has contributed over \$2,000 to relief efforts in Haiti. Among other community service activities and contributions, the Rotary Club of Sammamish awards \$15,000 or more in scholarships to high school seniors on the Sammamish Plateau each year. During the last twenty years, Rotarians around the world have raised nearly \$1,000,000,000 to eradicate polio.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster, among other things, high ethical standards in business and professions as well as the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

All Rotarians subscribe to a simple, universal code of conduct known as the Four-way Test:

In the things that we say, think, and do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The Rotary Club of Sammamish is open to new members who share their commitment to service. Join us!