



# Rotary Club of Effingham County . Sunrise “SERVICE ABOVE SELF” Scholarship

Each year, the Rotary Club of Effingham County awards scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 to seniors graduating from the high schools in Effingham County who are furthering their education at colleges of their choice. The scholarships will be sent directly to the colleges as soon as the recipients provide proof of enrollment.

The motto of Rotary is “Service Above Self.” As such, when evaluating the applications, the selection committee will place the most significant emphasis on how the student has given of himself or herself for the benefit of family, community and beyond. While scholastic achievement and financial need will be considered, it is not required that the applicant be one of the top scholars or be in financial distress.

## Requirements

In order to be considered for the Rotary Club of Effingham County “Service Above Self” Scholarship, **ALL** of the following items must be submitted to the student’s high school Counseling Center, no later than **Monday, May 16**. The evaluation committee reserves the right to reject any application that is not submitted by the deadline or does not include ALL of the following:

- A completed *Scholarship Application* form. The form must be neat and highly legible. It is recommended that the student have it typed. The application must be grammatically correct and free of spelling errors and cross outs. It should be indicative of the best work that the student is capable of producing.
- A copy of the parent or guardians’ tax return from the previous year (at least first two pages needed...not all schedules). If the student is emancipated, the student must provide a copy of his/her tax return in lieu of the parent or guardian return. If no tax return was filed by any party, other evidence of income and expenses must be provided. This information will only be viewed by the evaluation committee and will be shredded once the selection process has been completed.
- An official copy of the student’s most recent academic transcript, signed by the appropriate school official and stamped or embossed with the seal of the school.
- Three letters of recommendation from non-family members. At least one of the letters must be from an individual who can address the student’s service-related contributions. Also, at least one of the letters must be from an individual outside the school system.

If you have any questions, please contact your Counseling Center representative. If they do not know the answer, they will contact the Rotary Club of Effingham County for you.



## Rotary Club of Effingham County "Service Above Self" Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Question	Answer
Are you emancipated? *	
Will another member of your family be attending a college, vocational school or other post high school training program this fall? If yes, explain.	
Within the last five (5) years, have there been any unusual circumstances that have created financial difficulty for you or for anyone from whom you are dependent for support? If yes, explain.	
What is your college of choice?	
Have you applied?	
Have you been accepted?	
Are you an active member of the Interact Club?	
Have you ever participated in the Rotary Speech Contest?	
Give a brief statement of your intended major course of study at college and your career plans upon graduation of college.	

*\*If yes, please provide a copy of your most recent tax return (at least first two pages needed...not all schedules). If you are not emancipated, please provide the most recent tax returns of any custodial and non-custodial parent or guardian from whom you receive financial support. If no tax return was filed by any party, other evidence of income and expenses must be provided.*



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**“Service Above Self”**  
**Scholarship Application (cont.)**

Rotary is all about Service – giving of yourself to help others. Use this area to tell us what significant things you have done to improve the quality of life for others or in some way helped make the world a little better. It could be things you have done for your family, your community or virtually any place or anyone in the world.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If not emancipated:

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Before you submit this application to your Counseling Center, review it to be sure that it represents the best work of which you are capable. Review the checklist on the cover sheet to be sure that you have submitted ALL of the required materials.

The Rotary Club of Effingham County thanks you for your time and effort. We wish you the best of luck in your pursuit of this scholarship and all of your future endeavors.