

## **Rotary Club of Henderson**

### **Application For One of Three \$2,500 Scholarships To Be Awarded May 2024**

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#### **ABOUT ROTARY:**

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Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers that see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

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#### **WHAT WE DO:**

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##### **Rotary International:**

Grassroots at the core, Rotary links 1.2 million members to form an organization of international scope. Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 35,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene and promote the general welfare of families
- Support education
- Grow local economies

##### **History for the Rotary Club of Henderson, NC:**

- The Henderson Rotary Club was founded in 1922.
- Today's Club current has over 40 active members.
- We are comprised of local civic leaders including, but not limited to:
  - Lawyers
  - Medical professionals
  - City and county government officials
  - Real estate brokers
  - Financial and banking professionals
  - Commercial and residential contractors
- Our Club actively sponsors scholarships and special events for our community.
- We additionally support several non-profits in the region.

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#### **OUR MISSION:**

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*"We provide service to others; promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders."*

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### OUR HISTORY:

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It started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities.

Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members.

Rotary members have not only been present for major events in history — we've also been a part of them.

**Three key traits** have remained strong throughout our history:

- We're truly international. Only 16 years after being founded, Rotary had clubs on six continents. Today, members in nearly every country work to solve some of our world's most challenging problems.
- We persevere in tough times. During World War II, Rotary clubs in Austria, Germany, Italy, Japan, and Spain were forced to disband. Despite the risks, many continued to meet informally, and after the war, Rotary members came together to rebuild their clubs and their countries.
- We're committed to service, and we're not afraid to dream big and set bold goals. We began our fight against polio in 1979 with a project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, polio remains endemic in only three countries — down from 125 in 1988.

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### GUIDING PRINCIPLES, OBJECT AND THE FOUR-WAY TEST:

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These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life; and
- **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

**Motto:** The motto of the Rotary Club is: "*Service above Self*"

The **Four-Way Test** is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships. The test has been translated into more than 100 languages, and Rotarians recite it at club meetings:

Of the things we think, say or 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?

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### ELIGIBILITY

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**Eligibility:**

For students to be eligible for this scholarship, they must:

- Be a current senior in high school; and
- Attend any school or homeschool in Vance County, North Carolina

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### SUBMISSION DIRECTIONS

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**BOTH THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND ESSAY MUST BE SUBMITTED TO MR. D. RIX EDWARDS NO LATER THAN NOON, FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024 BY EITHER DELIVERY TO HIS OFFICE OR TO HIS OFFICE EMAIL ACCOUNT:**

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**THE APPLICATION FORM AND THE ESSAY DIRECTIONS ARE PROVIDED, BELOW. BOTH MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE AN APPLICANT'S SUBMISSION IS CONSIDERED.**

**EMAIL SUBMISSION OF BOTH AN APPLICATION FORM AND ESSAY IS PREFERRED.**

**DATE OF POSTING WILL NOT BE USED FOR DETERMINATION OF TIMELINESS.**

**APPLICATION FORMS AND ESSAYS NOT RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. NO EXCEPTIONS APPLY.**

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### APPLICATION FORM

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**Student's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_





## ESSAY DIRECTIONS

Applicants for this scholarship should write an essay in answer to the following question:

*How is the motto of the Rotary Club, "Service above Self," evident in your life, and how will you continue to uphold this motto through college and beyond?*

**Specifically, your essay should be sure to address the following:**

1. What "Service above Self" means to you;
2. What you have accomplished that demonstrates "Service above Self"; and
3. Your future plans describing how you will continue to incorporate "Service above Self" throughout the rest of your life.

**Scholarship Essays will be judged on the following criteria:**

- Clarity of the writing
- Specific evidence of "Service above Self" in your life
- Specific evidence of your future plans to continue to incorporate "Service above Self" throughout your life

## TIMELINE, ELIGIBILITY AND SUBMISSION DETAILS

**Deadline for Submission of Scholarship Application Form and Essay: Noon, Friday, May 10, 2024**

Award Timeline	
Date:	Corresponding Step in Scholarship Application Process:
By Noon, Friday, May 10, 2024	All scholarship applications and essays are to be received at the office or email address provided. The application form and essays must be actually received by Noon, May 10, 2024. Date of posting will not be used to determine timeliness of an essay and application. With no exceptions, extensions of time for submission of applications and essays will be neither entertained nor granted. Essays without completed applications forms will not be considered.
May 13-17, 2024	Scholarship applications to be reviewed and three recipients selected.
Week of May 20, 2024	Scholarship recipients announced and notified by the President of the Rotary Club of Henderson.

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**NOTICE TO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

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As noted in the timeline above, scholarship award winners will be notified of their awards during the week of May 20, 2024. Scholarship award winners will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 to apply toward their post-graduate education-related expenses.

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**QUESTIONS:**

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Questions regarding this scholarship application should be submitted via email to Mr. D. Rix Edwards at: [redwards@sszlaw.net](mailto:redwards@sszlaw.net)