

# Rotary Club of Whidbey Westside

## Scholarship Application

*Effective school year 2025-2026*

*A supplement to the South Whidbey High School General Application form for:*

*Rotary Club of Whidbey Westside General Scholarships*

*To apply for one of the above scholarships you must meet the following criteria:*

- 1. You must have a permanent residence on South Whidbey Island that is within the boundaries of the South Whidbey High School District.*
- 2. You must be a high school senior or first-year student in an accredited post-secondary educational program.*
- 3. Previous scholarship recipients from either the Rotary Club of South Whidbey or Rotary Club of Whidbey Westside who are currently enrolled in their first year of post-secondary education may apply. No more than two scholarships will be awarded to any individual.*

*If selected for a scholarship, funding will only be provided with proof of enrollment at an accredited post-secondary educational institution that offers an academic, vocational or apprenticeship program. Funding will go directly to that institution and not the scholarship winner themselves upon receipt of proof of enrollment.*

**Instructions: ALL APPLICANTS must complete and submit the current South Whidbey High School Local Scholarship General Application Form.**

*You must include your current high school transcript with your application. If you are enrolled in a post-secondary educational program you must include your current school and high school transcripts. **You application will not be reviewed if it does not include all required transcripts.***

*Your application must include a list of your extracurricular activities, community service, and employment in chronological order, beginning with 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Please include any leadership positions you may have held and awards you received while participating in these activities. The SWHS General Application Form includes a sheet for listing your activities and accomplishments. Use multiple sheets if necessary.*

**In addition to the SWHS General Application Form, the application must include the following:**

1. A minimum of two letters of recommendation from a community leader, recent employer, mentor, or person under whose direction you worked on a volunteer basis. **Letters from family members will not be accepted. As of the 2025-2026 school year SWHS faculty members will not be providing letters of recommendation.** The writers should specifically address who they are, how long they have known you, your character and accomplishments, and how this scholarship will benefit you.
2. **Each applicant must submit a one page written essay.** Your essay should include you educational or vocational plans and how a Rotary scholarship will help you achieve your goals. You are welcome to address your background, accomplishments, future aspirations, or any other information you would like to convey to the scholarship committee. As Rotary is a service organization, your essay should include examples of service you have rendered to our community, or how this scholarship and your future education will allow you to give back to our local, national, or worldwide community.
3. Application forms, letters, essays, and other information provided by applicants will be reviewed solely by the members of the Rotary Club of Whidbey Westside scholarship committee. All materials will be destroyed following the selection of the scholarship recipients.
4. **The deadline for submitting a scholarship application is April 30, 2026. Applications received by email or postmarked after that date will not be considered. Applicants may email or mail their application.**  
**If emailing, send in a PDF format a file or files consisting of all required documents mentioned above to Rotarywhidbeywestside2012@gmail.com**  
**If using the US Postal Service, send copies of all documents mentioned above to:**

**Scholarship Committee  
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Freeland WA 98249**