

The Rotary Club of Yakima and the Yakima Rotary Charities 2018 Academic Scholarship Application

Note: 19 Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each will be awarded this year.

The Rotary Club of Yakima is a club created to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster, high ethical standards; the application of service in one's personal, business, and community life; and the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through individuals united in the idea of service.

Rotarians live by the 4-Way Test. They ask:

- 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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Academic Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. The scholarship is to be used at a post-high school institution beginning in the fall after graduation from high school. The award will be sent directly to the student's college or university finance administrator upon proof of actual full-time enrollment.
2. Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria, which are more fully described in the attached application:
 - Academic performance;
 - Community service and leadership exhibited within the school environment;
 - Community service and leadership exhibited outside of the school environment;
 - The student's essay concerning the importance of community service and leadership, how she/he has exhibited community service and leadership in her/his life, and how those concepts can be used to improve the quality of life in our communities.

Scholarships will be awarded to students who exhibit outstanding academic performance and community service, both within the school environment and outside of the community environment. However, the scholarship committee will also consider factors related to financial need of an applicant who provides an additional statement that describes such need, as noted in the application.

Instructions for Completing and Submitting the Application:

1. Fully complete and submit the attached application and required essay.
2. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation as follows:
 - a. One letter from a school teacher, counselor or administrator
 - b. One letter from a community member
3. Submit a transcript of grades (including a GPA) as well as SAT or ACT scores. **A school official must sign this section as verification of the accuracy of the information provided.**

* Finalists will be **notified** the week of **April 16, 2018** and will be asked to attend a *personal interview* (5-7 minutes in length) with the Academic Scholarship Committee tentatively set for April 23rd or April 25th.

Deadline for Submission: Applications **MUST BE POSTMARKED** by Friday, March 9, 2018.

Submit completed application to: **The Rotary Club of Yakima**
Academic Scholarship Committee
PO Box 464
Yakima, WA 98907-0464

Notification and Awards Ceremony: Award winners will be notified by letter by May 30th. Winners and their guests will be invited to attend the Downtown Yakima Rotary Club noon luncheon on Thursday, May 10, 2018 to receive their awards.

**ROTARY CLUB OF YAKIMA
2018 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ GRADUATION DATE: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND: _____

CRITERIA 1: COMMUNITY SERVICE/LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

PLEASE LIST: SCHOOL HONORS, SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, SPORTS, AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

School Year	Honors, Sports, School Activities & Leadership Activities	Office Held (if applicable)	Est. hours per year
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CRITERIA 2: COMMUNITY SERVICE/LEADERSHIP OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

PLEASE LIST: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, WHICH CAN INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN *COMMUNITY GROUPS, CHURCH ACTIVITIES, NON-SCHOOL SPORTS, WORK ACTIVITIES, OR OTHER COMMUNITY ACITIVITIES*, AND ANY LEADERSHIP ROLES YOU'VE PLAYED IN THOSE ACTIVITIES

School Year	Community, Work, Church Activities & Leadership Roles	Office Held (if applicable)	Est. hours per year
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CRITERIA 3: SCHOLASTIC PERFORMANCE

GPA: _____ ANTICIPATED CLASS RANK: _____ of _____

Pre-2016 SAT Writing: _____ Math: _____ Critical Reading: _____

Post-2016 SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing: _____ Math: _____ **ACT:** _____

HONORS/AP/Running Start COURSES TAKEN: _____

Signature of School Official (REQUIRED): _____

CRITERIA 4: PERSONAL ESSAY

The Rotary Club of Yakima is interested in hearing your ideas about how youth involvement in our communities can be a positive force for change. Please write and attach an essay of **no more than 250 words** to this application, which includes your thoughts on the following:

The motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self". What does "Service Above Self" mean to you and how have you incorporated the ideals of that motto into your life?

CRITERIA 5: NEED

Note: Need will be considered as a factor if you submit a statement outlining financial need for this scholarship. *(If applicable, please add a comment to your need statement concerning if and how your work experience during high school has demonstrated an effort on your part to help meet current and future financial need related to your education.)*

Before you mail your application, please make sure that the following items are included:

- Enclosed, completed Rotary Academic Scholarship Application with **REQUIRED** signatures
- 250 word essay
- Official high school transcript and either SAT or ACT scores
- One Letter of Recommendation from a school administrator, teacher or counselor
- One Letter of Recommendation from a community member

REMEMBER: COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018!

Applicant's Signature (REQUIRED): _____ **Date:** _____

Note: Please do not put any information on the back of any of these pages.