

JACKSONVILLE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP

For 2025, the Rotary Club of Jacksonville is offering Senior Scholarships to college bound students. The amount awarded per scholarship will be \$2000.

To be considered for this award an eligible student:

- MUST be a resident of the legally defined boundaries of Jacksonville, IL School District 117, **and**
- Is a senior attending ANY school within Jacksonville School District expecting to graduate in May-June of 2025 with plans to attend a any institution of higher learning in 2025, **and**
- Is not a child of a current Rotarian

Application scoring is weighted towards community service and leadership activities. If the applicant can document hours of community service and/or church service, and can easily express their scholastic goals, they will be competitive for this scholarship.

The Ideal Candidate for this award:

- Is service minded and can document hours served with recognized groups such as church and charitable organizations.
- Is career minded and can easily communicate aspirations for the future.
- Has geared their high school career toward college attendance.
- Has demonstrated leadership skills and can list areas where they have held leadership positions while in high school.
- Is an above average student.

The \$2000.00 scholarship will be paid directly to the student's selected school of higher learning on behalf of the student. The scholarship may be used toward tuition and/or school supplies, including books.

- Deadline for applications is March 24, 2025.
- Notification that application has been received will be within one week as long as a valid e-mail address is provided, but no later than March 28, 2025.
- Finalists interviewed the week of April 14, 2025.
- Winners and schools notified by May 9, 2025.

If you should have any questions, please call the Rotary Scholarship School Contact, Cathy Jo Wahl at (217) 883-1155.

Rotary Scholarship Online Application Instructions

1. Go to www.jacksonvillerotary.org and click on the scholarship application link.
2. Save the application to your hard drive and add your name to the end of the file name.
3. Close your web browser.
4. Open the application and complete it.
5. The essay question is limited to 300 words or less.
6. Save the completed application to your hard drive.
7. Scan your reference letters.
8. Save all scanned and electronic documents as PDFs.
9. Send completed application, transcript, SAT/ACT score report (optional) and reference letters together in one e-mail by March 24, 2025 to: scholarship@jacksonvillerotary.org.
10. If successfully received, a reply e-mail will be sent to you by March 28, 2025.
11. Make sure to use YOUR NAME in the file name of all PDF documents. It is important that ALL application items be included as attachments to a single e-mail message. Include your name in both the subject line and body of the message.

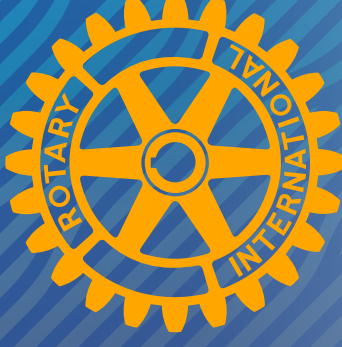
Rotary Scholarship Paper Application Instructions

1. Complete the application inside this brochure.
2. Hand-write or type your information on the application. (If necessary, you may use a separate sheet of paper.)
3. The essay response is limited to 300 words.
4. Place your application, transcript and references together in a large manila envelope.
5. Mail your completed application and references by March 24, 2025 to:

Rotary Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 383
Jacksonville, IL 62651



2025



The Rotary Club of Jacksonville JACKSONVILLE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND APPLICATION





SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Please Initial: ____ No person in my immediate family is currently a member of a Rotary Club, nor has any person in my immediate family been a Rotary Club Member in the last six months.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

List Service Activities participated in during your High School years. Please include your role in the activity along with a the name and contact information for a person that can verify your participation in the activity.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

List Leadership Positions held during your four years of High School. Please include the name and contact information for a person that can verify your participation.

Weighted GPA (through 7th Semester of High School): _____ **SAT/ACT Score - optional (composite):** _____

Please include copies of your High School Transcript, and (optional) a copy of the SAT/ACT reporting form that shows both your name and your composite score.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Letters of Recommendation: Include two (2) Letters of Recommendation from a Service Coordinator, Teacher, Counselor, Employer, etc. (No Relatives). Please instruct those submitting letters to explain why you, as the applicant, should win this award. When mailing, make sure to include letters WITH the completed application.

Brief Essay Statement: Write an essay, in 300 words or less, that describes your intended major and how you hope to apply your major to a career after college. Include your reasons for selecting your intended career. When mailing, make sure to include this statement WITH the completed application.

Deadline for submission is March 24, 2025 at 7 p.m. to be considered. Once applications are scored, the top applicants will be interviewed during the week of April 14, 2025. At that time, a copy of a letter of acceptance to a an institution of higher learning will be required. Winning applicants will be notified by May 9, 2025.