**ROTARY CLUB OF WATERVILLE, OHIO**

**ROTARY INTERACT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM OUTLINE**

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**INTERACT PROGRAM COMMITTEE*-***The current president of the Waterville Rotary Club will appoint a chair person and committee to facilitate the Rotary Interact program at Anthony Wayne High School. (AWHS). The Interact Committee will work in conjunction with the Waterville Rotary Scholarship Committee in the review and selection of the Interact Scholarship Winners.

**PURPOSE Of THE INTERACT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM :** To award scholarships to selected students participating in the AWHS interact program for the purpose of helping to defray the cost of tuition, room and board, and books in the attendance at an accredited college or university.

**ELEGIBILITY:** Any graduating senior who has been in AWHS Interact at least one year and attending high school and living with-in within the Rotary Club of Waterville, Ohio district is eligible to apply. Children of members of Rotary International are not eligible to apply.

**AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP**: A total of two (2) scholarships, each in the amount of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) will be awarded to two different students.

**SOURCE OF MONEY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** The Waterville Rotary Foundation, Inc. will be providing the funds for these scholarships. Rotary fund raising events and private donations from Rotary Club members will generate the scholarship funds.

**FREQUENCY OF AWARD:** The scholarships shall be awarded once for each calendar year.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:** The Waterville Rotary Club awards scholarships based on the merits of the individual students as well as the participation of the individual students in the AWHS Interact Program.

While AWHS students may submit applications to both the Waterville Rotary Merit Scholarship Program and the Waterville Rotary Interact Scholarship Program, individual applicants can only receive a scholarship in one of the scholarship programs.

All applications must be submitted on the official Waterville Rotary Interact Scholarship Application Form.

Scholarship applications are provided to the school Guidance Counselor, or on the website at [www.watervilleohiorotary](http://www.watervilleohiorotary).

**ESSAY:** In addition to the application form the student is to provide an Essay, (stating in 300 words or less**)” How being involved in the Interact Program has impacted my life”.**

**RETURN OF APPLICATION FORMS:** All completed application forms are to be submitted to the Waterville Rotary Scholarship Committee or to the AWHS Counselor at a time as stated in the Application Form.

**ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** It will be the responsibility of the Scholarship Committee, in conjunction with the interact Committee, to review all scholarship applications as received from the Interact students. The Scholarship Chair shall receive all competed scholarship applications and will make copies of all received forms to each individual member of the scholarship committee and the Interact Committee for their review.

**SCORING OF THE APPLICATIONS:**  Each individual student application shall be scored base on the following criteria:

A. PARTICIPATION in the INTERACT PROGRAM 25%

Consideration includes if the applicant has been an active participant in Interact meetings and activities to determine the applicant’s sincere desire to give back to the community. This scoring shall be determined by the members of the Interact Committee

B- TOTAL ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION 40%

Consideration includes organizations, clubs, teams, etc. in which the applicant had been an officer and/or an active participant, to determine the breath of the applicant’s social growth and leadership potential with-in the school and community. This scoring shall be determined by the members of the Interact Committee.

C. ESSAY 35%

Consideration is given to such things as: the sincerity of the essay, examples of service, lessons learned, grammar, etc. This scoring shall be determined by joint review of both the Interact Committee and the Rotary Scholarship Committee.

**SELECTION OF THE INTERACT SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST:** After all of the application forms and essays have been reviewed and scored the combined Interact Committee and the Rotary Scholarship Committee shall meet and select the finalist to be interviewed. A total of not less than three nor more than four individual students shall be selected for the interview process in any given year.

**PERSONAL INTERVIEWS:** Each individual finalist will be contacted and scheduled for a personal interview (Approximately twenty minutes) by the Rotary Scholarship Committee and the Interact Committee members. During this interview each applicant is given the opportunity to discuss his or her college plans and answer any questions by the Committee members that may arise from the review of the application form. After all interviews are completed, the Rotary Scholarship Committee along with the Interact committee will select the individual(s) who will receive a scholarship.

**NOTIFICATION OF STUDENTS:** The Chairmen of the Rotary Scholarship Committee shall be responsible, or assign responsibility to a committee person to contact by phone all individual student winners of a scholarship award. This phone call is to be followed by a formal letter to each winning student to confirm the award and provide information on the Award Dinner.

Also, a formal letter is to be issued to each individual student who was interviewed but did not receive a scholarship to thank them for their participation in the interview process.

**NOTIFICATION OF OTHERS:** A letter is to be written to the Principal of Anthony Wayne High school to inform the Principals of the name of the winning students. This letter is to also invite the Principal to attend the Awards Dinner.

A letter is to be sent to each of the students who took part in the interview process but were not selected to receive a scholarship

(Form letters are available on file)

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DINNER:** The winners of the scholarships are to be invited to attend a dinner in their honor where the actual scholarships will be presented. The parents of the scholars and the principal of their school are to be invited to attend. Each individual student is to be introduced by one of the Interact Scholarship Committee members, and the student is to begiven the opportunity to address the Rotary Club members.

**CERTIFICATE OF AWARD:** A Waterville Rotary Certificate of Award is to be prepared and presented at the Award Dinner to each scholarship winner to commemorate the occasion.

**SIMPLIFIED SCHEDULE**: (Actual schedule of events will be set each school year)

Mid February Application forms to the high school counselors

End of March All application forms returned to the Scholarship Committee

Mid –April Selection of scholarship finalists

End of April Individual Interviews

First week of May Selection of scholarship winners

Third week of May Scholarship Award Dinner

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