

REGARDING: Waterville Rotary Club Scholarship Rules - 2024

PURPOSE: The scholarship shall be awarded 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. The scholarship may be used for no other purpose.

ELIGIBILITY: Any graduating senior attending high school and living within the Waterville, Ohio Rotary Club district is eligible to apply. Students from Anthony Wayne High School, Otsego High School, or any area Parochial High School as well as home schooled students may apply during the year in which he/she graduates by submitting an application to the Waterville Rotary Scholarship program. Children of members of Rotary International are not eligible to apply for the scholarship.

AMOUNT: The total number of Waterville Rotary Scholarships will be determined in each individual school year. All Rotary Scholarships will be in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) awarded to individual students. These scholarships are an out-right grant.

FREQUENCY OF AWARD: The scholarship shall be awarded each calendar year.

SCORING OF THE APPLICATIONS: Each scholarship committee member shall review and score the individual applications based on the following criteria:

- A Scholastic Achievement (25%)
A copy of the students High School Transcript is to be included with the submitted application form. Consideration shall be given to grade point average, college board or American College Test scores, course or subject preparation for college and/or specific demonstrated talent (example: art, music, etc..) which may not be reflected in academic measurements.
- B School and Community Activity Participation (20%)
Consideration shall include organizations, clubs, teams, etc. in which the applicant had been an officer and/or an active participant. The purpose is to determine the breath of one's social growth and leadership potential.
- C Need (20%)
Consideration shall be given for parental ability and willingness to support the financial expense of attending college. The award of other scholarships and financial aid to the applicant shall also be considered.
- D Economic Initiative (20%)
The applicant's personal initiative to work and set aside earnings for the purpose of attending college shall be given favorable consideration.

E Student Essay (15%)

Rotary International is a worldwide service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to **advance goodwill and peace to their community, their nation and around the world.** Service is the foundation of our Rotary club and to that end Rotary has adopted the motto of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF".

Each scholarship application is to include an essay written by the applicant stating in 300 words or less, their interpretation of the motto "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" and how this motto will influence their future lives in service.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Based upon the above criteria, the eligible application forms shall be reviewed, and individual students shall be chosen to be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee members as designated by the Rotary Club of Waterville. All personal interviews are scheduled for the same night and are an important part of the selection process, as the student will have the opportunity discuss their collage plans and answer any questions the scholarship committee members may have regarding their review of the student's application form.

After completion of the personal interviews, the scholarship winners will be selected. The decision of the committee shall be final.

TIME SCHEDULE:

March 1, 2024-Applications will be available through the school counselors or at www.watervilleohiorotary.org.

April 15, 2024 - All applications must be completed and returned to

Scholarship Committee Chair: Diana Waugh, at
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May 15, 2024- Finalist interviews

May 15, 2024 - Selection of finalists

May 20, 2024 - Presentation of Scholarship awards