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Sequim Sunrise Rotary Scholarship Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in the Sequim Sunrise Rotary Scholarship program.

We look forward to receiving applications from students that are planning to pursue higher education in the 2023-2024 academic year.

APPLICATION DEADLINE – must be postmarked or delivered by email by **5:00 pm on Monday April 24th, 2023.**

Applications will be reviewed, and selections made entirely at the discretion of the Evaluation Committee designated by the Sequim Sunrise Rotary Club. Application finalists may be interviewed by the Evaluation Committee. Scholarship awards will be announced in early June.

Distribution of funds will be made directly to a scholarship recipient’s school upon request and verification of enrollment. Scholarships not claimed within one year will be forfeited.

Completed applications can be mailed to:

Jim McEntire, Scholarship Committee Chair, PO Box 1521, Sequim, WA 98383

or emailed to:

jim.mcentire@gmail.com (include “Sequim Sunrise Rotary Scholarship” in the subject line)

Questions? Please call Jim at (360) 775-7357



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Rotary International is a service organization of business and professional men and women united worldwide to conduct humanitarian projects, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and work toward world understanding and peace.

The general objectives of Rotary Clubs in every country are the same – the development of friendship and understanding among the business and professional people of the community, the promotion of high standards in business and professional practices, and the advancement of international understanding. Rotary Clubs have one basic ideal – the “ideal of service” which embodies thoughtfulness and helpfulness to others.

Since 1986, the Sequim Sunrise Rotary Club has made continuous contributions to the community and its citizens, both as a club and through the individual good deeds of its members. Worldwide, over 1.2 million members in over 30,000 Rotary clubs in more than 160 countries participate in Rotary International.

With the motto of “Service Above Self”, Rotarians develop projects to deal with the critical issues of today. Among those issues are children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and health. Rotarians also support programs to work with youth and provide educational opportunities, international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development programs.

Available Scholarships

- One vocational scholarship at \$2,000 each (for attendance at an accredited trade, technical or vocational school or college);
- One Pat LaGuardia Memorial Scholarship at \$2,000 (for a graduate of Sequim Options School for attendance at any accredited trade or vocational school, or college);
- Two Jim Williams Memorial Scholarship at \$2,000 (for attendance in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM) program at any accredited college or university);
- Four academic scholarships at \$2,000 (for attendance at any accredited college or university).

Eligibility

- Sequim High School or Sequim Options School graduating senior
- United States Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Demonstrated Knowledge, experience, commitment to “service above self”



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Requirements

Applicants must submit:

1. Application Checklist Coversheet (must accompany your application with included items checked off)
2. The Scholarship Application Sheet (must accompany your application)
3. Educational Goals Statement (approximately 50 words)
4. An Essay of approximately 300 words describing your life experiences and educational goals as related to the Rotary Motto “Service Above Self” (Please see the section on preparing an application for further information in writing an essay)
5. A summary of your leadership activities (approximately 200 words)
6. A summary of your community service activities (approximately 200 words) (Please see the section on preparing an application to find out what we mean by Leadership and Service.)
7. A current High School Transcript
8. One or two letters of recommendation from school officials or others familiar with your school and/or community activities.

PREPARING AN APPLICATION FOR A SEQUIM SUNRISE

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP:

EDUCATIONAL GOALS STATEMENT. Tell us about what your educational and career plans are. Where are you planning to go to school? What are you planning to do with your education when you are finished?

In the application, you are asked to state and describe your LEADERSHIP and SERVICE activities. Based on our experiences with applicants in previous years, we have very wide and flexible ideas about what these words mean.

WRITING THE ESSAY ON “SERVICE ABOVE SELF”

In the essay, we would like to read about volunteer service that you have done and the effect that it has had on your life and the lives of others. No service is too small to write about; it is not the number of hours you put in as much as the spirit that counts. We want to give scholarships to people who believe in helping others as a way of life.

In Rotary, we believe service means giving back to the community in ways beyond what we do in our day-to-day jobs. Aspiring to a career in education or healthcare or some other field that helps people is admirable, but it is not what we are looking for in this essay. The essays that impress us most are ones that give us specific examples about how helping other people has made a difference in your life.

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LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVE. It has been said that one of the hallmarks of leadership is taking initiative. It doesn't necessarily mean being president of the student body. We believe that people lead their peers by being committed. Students have scored high by being solid team members in sports, school, social, and religious organizations. Students have also shown leadership by developing their talents in music, art, writing, and performance. If you have stuck with something over the years, we think you are a leader. If you have taken the initiative to overcome a significant challenge in your life, we think you are a leader.

SERVICE means spending a significant amount of time doing things that help other people. This can be accomplished by volunteering for community service organizations, but in the past, we have also given high scores to students who performed services in less typical ways, such as holding down a job to help support the family, being a caregiver for a handicapped person, and spending significant time caring for younger siblings. We are looking for students who help other people on a regular basis. We recognize that there are many ways to do this and are very interested in hearing about how service is a part of your life.

Please Apply! The only thing that can prevent you from being considered for one of our scholarships is not to apply. Although grades are important, we are most interested in what you have done to help others, what you are planning to do to help others, and anything you have done to overcome a significant barrier in your life.

Furthermore, our scholarships are for students that are interested in becoming welders, going to lineman school, building houses, medical office assistants, automotive technicians, computer application specialists, cosmetologists, multimedia designers, and many other vocationally oriented careers. Traditional college and university scholarships are also available for students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math careers as well as many others like teaching and business.

Thank you for the effort you are making in filling out this application!

Sequim Sunrise Rotary 2023 Scholarship Application Applicant's Name:

Applicant's Home Address: City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Applicant's Telephone Number: _____

Applicant's e-mail: _____

Current School: _____

School Counselor: _____

Parents/Guardians Names or Other Contact: Parents/Guardians Address:

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Parents/Guardians Telephone Number: _____

Interact Club Member: Yes No If Yes, number of years in Interact _____

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Institutions to which you have applied, in order of preference:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I agree to abide by the requirements of the Sequim Sunrise Rotary Scholarship program. I will submit verification of my enrollment from my institution after school begins. I will submit the address of where I would like my scholarship to be sent. If I am selected as a recipient, but become ineligible for any reason, I will notify the scholarship committee Chairperson.

Applicant's signature: _____

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Application Checklist Coversheet

Include this checklist coversheet with your application.

Applicant’s Full Name: _____

Current School: _____

I Am Applying for the Following Scholarships:

- Rotary Vocational Scholarship
- Pat LaGuardia Memorial Scholarship
- Jim Williams Memorial Scholarship
- Rotary Academic Scholarship

The applicant is to verify that all required items have been included within this application by checking off the related boxes below:

- 1. Application Checklist Coversheet (this sheet must accompany your application with items included checked off).
- 2. The Scholarship Application Sheet (must accompany your application).
- 3. Statement of Educational Goals (approximately 50 words) *
- 4. An essay of approximately 300 words describing your educational goals as related to the Rotary Motto “Service Above Self.”*
- 5. A list and description of leadership activities (approximately 200 words).*
- 6. A list and description of community service (approximately 200 words).*
- 7. current HS transcript
- 8. One or two letters of recommendation from school officials or others

*Note: Please attach these items in a pdf or word document or include with documents in mailed application.