



## Educational Award Overview

Revised: February 2022

Read carefully. Make certain your application is complete. Deadline is April 21, 2022

### Sponsorship

This Award program is a vocational service activity of the Rotary Club of Sammamish and seeks to assist and encourage Sammamish high school seniors to pursue a post-secondary education with an emphasis on service to the community. The Rotary Club of Sammamish expects to award up to two Awards for each of the three City of Sammamish high schools (including their affiliated home-schooled students). Each selected student will be granted an Award of up to \$1,000. Eligibility and awards will be decided by the Rotary Club of Sammamish based on the applicant pool.

### Eligibility

To be eligible, each Award applicant must:

- Be a senior either at one of the three Sammamish high schools (Eastlake, Eastside Catholic, or Skyline) or in an accredited home-schooling program within the attendance area of either Eastlake or Skyline;
- Intend to attend any accredited university, college, community college, or vocational/technical institute beginning in the fall of 2022;
- Submit a complete 2022 Application prior to the application deadline which is in conformance with all requirements described in this Overview and on the Application and including all materials listed below. Applicants must use the 2022 Application. Prior year or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Have an email address which is regularly monitored, as this will be the primary form of communication between the applicant and the Rotary Club of Sammamish.

Applicants related to anyone who is or has been a member of the Rotary Club of Sammamish at any time in the past two years are ineligible. The following relationships are cause for ineligibility for a Award, whether by birth, marriage, or civil proceeding: son, daughter, brother, sister, grandson, granddaughter, cousin, nephew, niece, uncle, aunt. In determining ineligibility by dint of relationship the determination of the Rotary Club of Sammamish shall be final and not subject to appeal.

### Award payments

Awards will be applied towards school tuition, fees and books only. Payment will be made directly to the educational institution upon the award recipient's submission of a statement from the institution to the Sammamish Rotary Club Foundation Treasurer that includes the amount, remittance address, and student account number. This statement from the Institution must be received by the Sammamish Rotary Club Foundation Treasurer not later than October 31 of 2022.

**IMPORTANT! The award recipient is solely responsible for providing this information directly to the Sammamish Rotary Club Foundation Treasurer.**

**Email: [steve@bozick.net](mailto:steve@bozick.net)**

**No reminders will be sent. If this deadline is not met, the Award may be forfeited, unless there are extenuating circumstances.**

## Criteria for Selection

In granting Awards, the Rotary Club of Sammamish shall evaluate the applicants based on the following criteria:

- Involvement in community service and commitment to making a difference.
- Demonstrated leadership in school and community activities.
- Character, integrity, initiative and other personal qualities.
- The potential impact the Award may have on applicants' achieving their educational goals.

## Application must include the following (and only the following):

- Completed application form.
- Official high school transcript.
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher from the student's current school. For home-schooled students, the Rotary Club of Sammamish strongly prefers the recommendation be from a teacher who is not a parent or otherwise related to the student.
- One letter of recommendation from persons or organizations closely familiar with the applicant's community service, leadership activities or charity work. Writers must neither be related to the applicant nor staff members of the applicant's school. Organizations and those writing on their behalf need not be based in Sammamish; however, other writers (e.g. family friends) should be responsible members of the Sammamish community.

Applicants are encouraged to procure the two letters of recommendation specifically for this application. Applicants must provide copies of all letters with the application. Both letters of recommendation must include the following:

- Identification of the writer along with a home or business address and phone number.
- How long the writer has known the applicant, and the nature of their relationship.
- With specific reference to the selection criteria germane to the writer's relationship to the applicant, the qualities and experiences that recommend the applicant for an award.

## Process

- Applicant submits completed application to his/her school counseling office or by mail to the Rotary Club of Sammamish so that it is **received** no later than April 21, 2021. **No late or incomplete applications will be accepted or considered.**
- Applicants selected for interview are notified by email of interview place/time.
- 25-minute interview of applicant by members of the Rotary Club of Sammamish.
- Notification to applicants and schools of award winners and amounts.
- Payment of award amounts directly to educational institutions.

## Visits by Award Recipients to Meetings of the Rotary Club of Sammamish

Award recipients are welcome to visit any regular morning meeting of the Rotary Club of Sammamish annually while pursuing their educational goals. Award recipients shall address the meeting for a few minutes on their post-secondary experience and take questions. This is not any kind of test! Rather, it is an opportunity for the Rotary Club of Sammamish to follow the progress of recipients as they pursue their education. Details of the day/time/place of meetings can be found at [www.sammamishrotary.org](http://www.sammamishrotary.org); visits can be coordinated by email to [info@SammamishRotary.org](mailto:info@SammamishRotary.org).

## Interviews

Applicants shall provide three days/times at which they pledge to be available for interview. The Rotary Club of Sammamish will make every effort to give all applicants their first or second choice but can make no guarantees. Applicants selected for an interview will be notified of the time and place. Applicants must remain available for all choices provided on the application until notified of their specific interview day and time. Applicants must confirm the interview day/time promptly. Changes to the schedule will be possible only under extraordinary circumstances. Applicants unable to make their interview will be ineligible for an award.

## Timeline/Checklist for Applicants

Feb. 28, 2022	Applications available from school career office, on-line at <a href="http://www.sammamishrotary.org">www.sammamishrotary.org</a> , or by email from <a href="mailto:Info@SammamishRotary.org">Info@SammamishRotary.org</a> .
April 21, 2022	Applications due at the school career office for Rotary pick up or by mail to the Rotary Club of Sammamish, 3020 Issaquah Pine Lake Road SE, PMB 11, Sammamish, WA 98075. All applications must be <b>received</b> either at the school career office or by mail no later than April 21, 2022. Applicants mailing their applications should do so well enough in advance to ensure timely arrival. <u>All late or incomplete applications will be rejected without review.</u> Applicants are encouraged to be timely, carefully check their applications, and follow up with those they have requested to write letters of recommendation to ensure this deadline is met.
April 25, 2022	Email notification sent to applicants selected for interview of interview place/time
April 28, 2022	Deadline for applicants to confirm interview appointment by email to <a href="mailto:Info@SammamishRotary.org">Info@SammamishRotary.org</a>
April 30, May 1, 2022	Award interviews
April 30, 2022	Notification of awards to applicants and high schools
May 12, 2022	Award Winners and their families at Sammamish Rotary Meeting 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
October 31, 2022	Final day to submit statement for tuition payment to Rotary Club of Sammamish Treasurer

## Miscellaneous

If selected for an award, applicants consent to the use of their name, picture, and selected information from their application (but excluding any contact information) in Rotary Club of Sammamish publicity. While the Rotary Club of Sammamish is committed to the youth of our community and to the offering of this program, it nonetheless reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to amend, augment, or cancel all or any part of this program at any time and for any reason. Questions may be addressed via e-mail to [Info@SammamishRotary.org](mailto:Info@SammamishRotary.org).

## About the Rotary Club of Sammamish

The objective of Rotary is to encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions as well as the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through world fellowship. The Rotary Club of Sammamish is part of Rotary International, with 1.2 million members in 200 countries. All Rotarians work locally to raise money for both local and international humanitarian causes. The Rotary Club of Sammamish stages a Christmas Tree lot in November to involve the youth in the community and to raise money for Awards and charitable works.