



## The Okanogan-Omak Rotary Bachelor's Degree Scholarship Application 2025

Rotary is an international charitable organization comprised of professional and business leaders whose goals are humanitarian service, high ethical standards and the promotion of goodwill and peace around the world. The motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self". The Okanogan-Omak Rotary Club has served our communities since it was officially chartered.

The Okanogan-Omak Rotary Club will award a **\$4,500 Bachelor's Degree Scholarship** to an Okanogan and an Omak High School senior who is pursuing a four-year degree and who exemplifies the Rotary Motto of "Service above Self".

### Eligibility Requirements

- Student is on track to graduate from Okanogan or Omak High School by the end of the current school year
- Student has been accepted to and plans to attend a 4-year accredited institution of higher education during the 2025-26 school year. Copy of acceptance letter required.
- Student demonstrates that s/he reaches out to others through community service either locally, regionally or internationally.
- Student completes and emails the Application Packet along with transcripts, college acceptance letter, and letters of recommendation by **April 30th** to Nancy Nash-Mendez at [nancy@okanoganhousing.org](mailto:nancy@okanoganhousing.org)
- Scholarship recipient will be notified on **May 20, 2025**.

### Application Process

- Complete an application packet; available from the high school guidance/counseling department or online at [Okanogan-OmakRotary.org](http://Okanogan-OmakRotary.org)
- E-mail the completed application packet to Nancy Nash-Mendez [nancy@okanoganhousing.org](mailto:nancy@okanoganhousing.org) by **5pm**.

### Completed Application Packet Includes:

- Application with essay responses; be sure to include student and parent signatures
- Two letters of recommendation
- Copy of college/university acceptance letter
- Official high school transcript; if Running Start student, then official college transcript also

### Scholarship Timeline:

- **4/17 to 4/30, 2025:** Applications will be available in Okanogan and Omak Counseling offices and online at [Okanogan-OmakRotary.org](http://Okanogan-OmakRotary.org)
- **4/30/25:** Completed Application Packets should be emailed to [nancy@okanoganhousing.org](mailto:nancy@okanoganhousing.org).
- **5/20/25** Finalists will be notified of scholarship award and Press Release mailed to the Omak-Okanogan Chronicle, posted on the Rotary Facebook page, and on the Rotary website.



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## Part 1: Applicant Information:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School and Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University you have been accepted to and plan to attend (name and city, state):

\_\_\_\_\_

Major and Career choice you plan to pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/ Guardian Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that this information is correct. If selected, I consent to the release of my name/my child's name, college and degree program to the newspaper and published on the Okanogan-Omak Rotary website.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Part 2: Essay prompts**

Please respond to these prompts on a separate sheet of paper. Limit your responses to 250 words for each prompt.

1. Explain the most meaningful way in which you have helped others through community service. This could be locally, regionally, or internationally.
2. The Omak/Okanogan Rotary Club is all about giving back to the Community. Tell us about a lasting contribution you have made in your community, and why you chose this service. Explain the lasting impact on the ones you served or yourself. This could be locally, regionally, or internationally.
3. If you have participated in sports or extra-curricular activities, please describe the time involved and why it was important to you to participate.
4. Explain why you think you are deserving of the Rotary Scholarship and how you have embraced the Rotary motto "Service Above Self".

**Part 3: Transcript**

- Include a copy of your high school transcript; if you are a Running Start student, include a copy of your college transcript also.

**Part 4: Letters of Recommendation**

- Include two letters of recommendation; at least one from a current or former teacher (high school or college).

**Part 5: Copy of College Acceptance letter**

**\* Do not attach any additional documentation to your application.**

\* Incomplete applications will not be considered.