



Vancouver Sunrise Rotary Foundation 2019 Scholarship Application Packet

Thank you for your interest in the Vancouver Sunrise Rotary Scholarships. We look forward to receiving applications from students who are planning for their higher education in the states of Oregon or Washington.

APPLICATION DEADLINE -

APPLICATIONS must be **postmarked or delivered by email** by 5:00 pm on May 2, 2019

Finalists will be selected and invited for an interview.

INTERVIEWS will take place in late May/early June. Interviews will be scheduled between 3-7 pm and are mandatory. Within 24 hours, everyone will be notified of the outcome of their interview.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD BREAKFAST will take place in June or July, on a Friday morning at 7am, at The Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, at a Vancouver Sunrise Rotary meeting.

Distribution of funds will be made directly to your school as requests are received. Scholarships not claimed within one year will be forfeited.

Completed applications can be mailed or emailed to:
David Gregerson, Scholarship Committee Chair
To: PO Box 87071, Vancouver, WA 98687
degerson@gmail.com

Questions? Please call Jane at 503-459-1011.

You are reminded that Vancouver Sunrise Rotary Scholarship proceeds must be used for education **within the States of Oregon and Washington**. If a recipient decides to attend a school outside of either Oregon or Washington, we must be notified as soon as possible. A runner-up will then be awarded the scholarship.



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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 1984 the **Vancouver 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.

Anticipated Scholarships

(The number of scholarships and dollar amounts are approximate and subject to change based on fund availability at the time of award):

- Up to two scholarships up to \$2,000 each to graduating seniors at Evergreen and Vancouver School District High Schools;
- Up to two scholarships between \$500 and \$1,000 each to graduating seniors at Evergreen and Vancouver School District High Schools;
- Up to two \$1,000 scholarships to a graduating senior who has a parent employed or retired from the Evergreen or Vancouver school district;
- Up to one \$1,000 scholarship to a previous recipient of a Vancouver Sunrise Rotary scholarship

Eligibility:

Evergreen and Vancouver School District graduating seniors. A graduating senior who has a parent employed or retired from a local school district. Any previous recipient of a Vancouver Sunrise Rotary scholarship who is continuing in professional vocational school or college. Scholarship must be used to attend a vocational school (a non-profit or for-profit school that trains students for specific careers), college or university within the states of Oregon or Washington.

Requirements:

Applicants must submit:

1. **Application Checklist Coversheet** (*must accompany your application with items included checked off*)
2. **The Scholarship Application Sheet** (*must accompany your application*)
3. 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 on writing an essay)
4. A summary of your **leadership activities** (approximately 200 words)
5. 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*.)
6. One or two **letters of recommendation** from school officials and others

PREPARING AN APPLICATION FOR A VANCOUVER SUNRISE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP:

In the application, you are asked to 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 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 about how helping other people has made a difference in your life.

LEADERSHIP 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're 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.

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

Application Checklist Coversheet

Include this checklist coversheet with your application.

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Current School: _____

Applying for the Following Scholarships:

- An Evergreen or Vancouver School District Scholarship (*I am an Evergreen or Vancouver School District Graduating Senior going to a college, university, or vocational school in Washington or Oregon*)
- The Click Family Scholarship (*I am a child of a current or retired Evergreen or Vancouver school district employee going to a college or university in Washington or Oregon.*) Please indicate most recent school of employment:

- A Returning Scholarship Awardee (*I am a previous Vancouver Sunrise Scholarship awardee going to a college or university in Washington or Oregon.*)

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. An essay of approximately 300 words describing your educational goals as related to the Rotary Motto "**Service Above Self.**"
- 4. A record of **leadership** activities.
- 5. A record of community **service**.
- 6. One or two **letters of recommendation** from school officials and others.
- 7. My financial need is ___high, ___moderate, ___low.



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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: _____

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

I agree to abide by the requirements of the Vancouver Sunrise Rotary Scholarship program. If I am selected as a recipient, but become ineligible for any reason, including a decision to attend a school outside of Oregon or Washington, I will immediately notify my counselor and the scholarship committee chairperson. Deadline for such notification is August 31, 2019.

Applicant's signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is 18 or younger): _____