



# VACAVILLE ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS

## For the Class of 2025

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The Vacaville Rotary Club is once again in search of deserving students seeking scholarships to use toward college education-related costs. The Vacaville Rotary is looking for the next generation of leaders. We want to honor those high achieving students who go beyond their regular class work and have demonstrated a passion of service above self. **One application enrolls you for all applicable scholarships.**

*19 scholarships will be awarded in the amounts of \$500 to \$4,000 each.*

### Rotary Funded Scholarships

- Three President Scholarships for \$4,000 each. Three
- Three Leadership Scholarships for \$2,500 each.
- Three Scholarships for Athletics, Arts, and other Accomplishments Scholarships for \$1,500 each.
- Two Interact Scholarships for \$1,500 each. See Note 1.

### Community Funded Scholarships

- One Robert Vinson Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000 each. One
- John Rico Journalism Scholarship for \$2,000. See Note 2.
- One Conner Family ACE Scholarship in memory of Mike & Claire Conner for \$1,000. See Note 3.
- One Jeannie Faller Community College Scholarship for \$1,500. See Note 4.
- One Bill Ruth Arts Scholarship for \$1,500. See Note 5.
- One Curt and Debbie Johnston Solano Community College Scholarship for \$500. See Note 6.
- One DeVan Scholarship for \$2,000. See Note 7.
- One McCune Family Scholarship for \$1,000. See Note 8.

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Graduating seniors must have a GPA of 3.0 or above and will attend an accredited College or University or accredited Community College.
2. Students must be Vacaville residents and attend one of the following high schools: Buckingham Charter Magnet, Country High, Ernest Kimme Charter Academy, Vacaville Christian, Vacaville, Vanden, or Will C. Wood
3. Letter of recommendation from one schoolteacher or administrator.
4. Letter of recommendation from one member of the community (cannot be a relative).
5. Copy of school transcript.
6. List all extra-curricular activities.
7. A typewritten response to the questions requested below and attached to this application, in a font no smaller than 12 pt. and not to exceed two pages.
8. To receive scholarship funds, the student must send verification of acceptance by a college/university and a copy of class enrollment showing your name, enrolled classes, and the college to the Rotary Representative listed below. Funds will be sent directly to the institution upon receipt of this information.



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## **NOTES: Additional Requirements**

1. The Interact Scholarships are limited to students who are two-year Interact Club Members. Children of members of the Vacaville Rotary Club (noon club) are only eligible for the Interact Club Scholarship.
2. The John Rico Journalism Scholarship deems preference to journalism, photojournalism, communication, literature, and art majors.
3. The Conner Family ACE Scholarship deems preference to students with five years in the ACE Program. An additional 1-page letter describing why you are deserving of this scholarship is required.
4. The Jeannie Faller Community College Scholarship is limited to students who will be attending a Community College, plans to transfer to a four-year university and will be majoring in business or science.
5. The Bill Ruth Arts Scholarship deems preference to students seeking an art-related major.
6. The Curt and Debbie Johnston Scholarship is limited to students who will be attending Solano Community College with plans of transferring to a four-year university. Students must be full-time with a minimum of 12 semester hours. Priority will be given to students working part-time, and/or with a desire to obtain a degree in a STEM major.
7. The Devan Scholarship is limited to Vaca High students who demonstrate well-rounded excellence.
8. The McCune Family Scholarship deems preference to students interested in education and artful endeavors.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Friday, April 4, 2025**

**Application Due Date.** Applications are to be completed and mailed or hand delivered no later than this date.

**April 22 – 24, 2025**

**Interview Dates.** Scholarship applicant finalists will need to be available for a 10-15 minute interview during this week. Every effort will be made to accommodate all school/sports/work conflicts.

**April 30, 2025**

**Award Date.** After the Rotary Scholarship Committee judges the applications and interviews the finalists, a Rotary representative will announce the recipients by this date, or shortly thereafter, via a phone call.

**Thursday, May 15, 2025**

**Awards Ceremony.** Recipients, their parents or school representatives will be honored at our **Rotary Scholarship Award and Recognition Lunch on May 15<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00pm in the Opera House.** Invitations to the lunch will be allocated as seats are limited and you must RSVP. There is no charge for the recipient and up to two of his/her immediate family to attend the ceremony.



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## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Keep these first two instruction pages for reference and return the following two application pages with the other required information. The Scholarship Committee will decide who is best suited for each scholarship based on the information provided.

Application checklist:

- Application form (following two pages).
- Recommendation letter from one teacher or administrator.
- Recommendation letter from one community member (no relatives).
- Copy of school transcript(s).
- List of all extra-curricular activities.
- Typed response to the application questions. No more than two pages in length.
- Additional information as required by each applicable scholarship (per notes above).

### ***ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS***

*Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been dedicated to the Rotary scholarship programs over the years. Funds occasionally become available for additional scholarships, other than those identified in this application, which Rotary will award based on the applications submitted. In addition, Rotary reserves the right to alter the amount of the scholarships listed above. We invite students of all capabilities, race, and ethnicity to apply.*



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## APPLICATION

Name (Student): \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

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

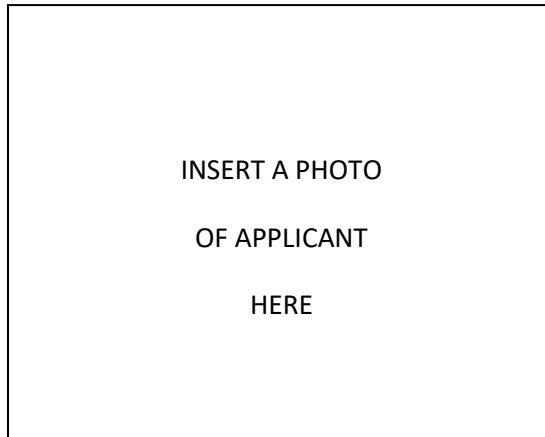
Phone numbers: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (All correspondence by this email. Check often.)

Parent/Guardian address, phone numbers, and email if different than above:

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Contact information will be kept confidential.



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PARENT, GUARDIAN OR STUDENT IF OVER AGE 18: Please check the box below and sign your name to indicate your approval and release (or not) of the Vacaville Rotary to use such photos, and permission to publish photos and announcements of your child/student's accomplishments.

┌ \_\_\_\_\_ I AGREE

┌ \_\_\_\_\_ I DO NOT AGREE



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## **QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY APPLICANT:**

(Please submit on separate sheet – no more than two pages combined for all questions – font no smaller than 12 pt.)

Your response to questions 1 through 2 should be brief.

1. What College/University(s) are you considering? What major(s) are you considering? What do you intend to achieve during this phase of your education (if not yet accepted, explain your acceptance status and your hopes for achievement in the college most likely to attend)?
2. Investigate Rotary, and describe what you feel are the most important, current accomplishments achieved by Rotary (you may discuss local or international achievements).

Select two from the following questions and prepare your answers in essay format. Passion for your answer and veracity will be the most significant factors for the judges.

3. In what way have you made a positive impact or affected change at your school since you enrolled?
4. In what way have you made a positive impact or affected change in your “world”, whether that is your home or your community.
5. Who has been the most influential person in your life and why?
6. Describe a hardship in your life and how you handled it. How did it test your resiliency?
7. How do you intend to use your college education once you graduate and enter the world at large?

Please submit completed applications with all attachments by **Friday, April 4, 2025**, mail or hand deliver 4 copies to:

Jessica Callison  
338 Cernon St  
Vacaville, CA 95688

If you have questions, please e-mail [thefembroker@gmail.com](mailto:thefembroker@gmail.com) or call at 707-410-6824.