

## THE CANTON ROTARY HEART FOR SERVICE AWARDS FOR YOUNG LEADERS

**Description:** Merit-based scholarships awarded by the Rotary Club of Canton to Interactors in honor and recognition of their servant leadership and community involvement.

**Requirements:** Scholarship recipients must:

- Be high school seniors in good academic standing and show exemplary conduct with plans to start post-secondary education the summer or fall term immediately after graduating high school.
- Be active members of an Interact Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Canton (school based or community based).
- Participate actively in Canton Rotary Youth Service initiatives such as Empowering Young Leaders of Cherokee County, Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA), District 6910 Interact Conference, and/or Georgia Laws of Life Essay Contest, among others.
- Have a proven track record of meaningful participation in service projects and initiatives of their Interact Club, community and/or school.

**Notes and Selection Process:**

- Qualified children, grandchildren, or relatives of Canton Rotarians can apply. They will follow the same process and will be considered equally, as any other candidates.
- Scholarships will be awarded once a year based on availability of charitable funds. For the purposes of District 6910 Grants funding, we will treat them as "Empowering Young Leaders Awards".

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- Interact Advisors will nominate their most qualified candidates annually, by March 31. Nominations will be submitted to the Canton Rotary Youth Service Chair who will share the nominations with the Canton Rotary Selection Committee.
  - The members of the Canton Rotary Selection Committee will be:
    1. President
    2. Vice President
    3. Youth Service Chair
    4. Community Service Chair
    5. Vocational Service Chair
  - Scholarship recipient selections will be made by April 15.
  - The presentation of the scholarships will be done during a Scholarships Program at a regular lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of Canton in April, May or June.
  - Recipients will be invited to attend the presentation meeting with two family guests in addition to their Interact Advisor.
  - The scholarships will be presented as a check from the Canton Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc.

**Nomination Form:** <https://forms.gle/J3WFC35MRHbchf5F9>