



## **ROTARY CLUB OF OVIEDO**

### **MEMORANDUM**

Date: February 24, 2023

To: Oviedo Area High School Academic Advisors, Faculty, and Guidance Counselors

From: Rotary Club of Oviedo Scholarship Committee

RE: 2023 Rotary Club of Oviedo Scholarships

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Dear Oviedo Area Educator:

The Rotary Club of Oviedo is committed to recognizing and rewarding excellence among our area high school students. We are proud to once again award merit-based academic and career scholarships to deserving seniors who will be graduating in the Spring of 2023 from an accredited area high school or equivalent degree granting program (i.e., public or private high school, charter school, home-school, online program, etc.). Applicants must reside in an area zoned for either Oviedo or Hagerty High School, or else reside within the 32732, 32765, or 32766 zip codes. The Club will be awarding two, one-time higher education scholarships of \$2,000.00 each – one for students seeking to pursue an academic course of study at a four year college, university, or community college, and the other for students pursuing post-high school vocational or career training at a community college, vocational school, or recognized apprenticeship course or program.

Selected finalists will be required to appear in person before our Scholarship Committee to discuss their high school achievements, career aspirations and goals, and to be familiar with the mission and vision of Rotary International. Award criteria are as determined by the Scholarship

Committee, but will include academic performance, demonstrated hard work, good citizenship, leadership, and demonstrated participation in community service.

Applications are due to the Rotary Club of Oviedo Scholarship Committee no later than Saturday April 22, 2023 and must be complete to be considered. Finalist interviews will be scheduled once applicants have been selected. Interviews will take place at the Canterbury Retreat & Conference Center in Oviedo. Applicants will only be contacted if they have been selected for an interview. Selected Scholarship Recipients will be notified prior to high school graduation and are required to attend a Rotary Club weekly Wednesday meeting to be recognized and to receive his/her award. Questions may be sent via email to Tracy Zanolick at [tracy@siuczanowickcpas.com](mailto:tracy@siuczanowickcpas.com) with the word scholarship in the subject line.

We look forward to receiving and reviewing the applications of all interested students.

Best Regards,

Rotary Club of Oviedo Scholarship Committee



## **ROTARY CLUB OF OVIEDO 2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, RELIGION, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, FAMILY STATUS, FINANCIAL STATUS, OR SEXUAL PREFERENCE.

COVER SHEET (TO BE ATTACHED TO ESSAY AND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM SECTION I (a. through d.))

- ☐ Oviedo High School
- ☐ Hagerty High School
- ☐ Seminole Academy of Digital Learning
- ☐ Masters Academy
- ☐ Homeschool (Oviedo/Chuluota/Geneva resident)
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State , ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number

Preferred Contact Method:

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Phone

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s)

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Signature of Applicant

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## **Scholarship Application**

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (a. through e.) MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICES OF SIU & ZANOWICK, CPAS LOCATED AT 5100 OLD HOWELL BRANCH RD, WINTER PARK, FL 32792 BY DELIVERY OR BY MAIL NO LATER THAN **5 PM ON SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023** TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP.

**I Application Format and Content Requirements (Incomplete applications will not be accepted-mail all documents attached to the cover sheet to the name/address listed in section V-miscellaneous)**

- a. Completed application cover sheet. See page 4 of this document.
- b. An official copy of the applicant's current high school transcript (must be mailed to the name/address listed in section V-miscellaneous as a hard copy sealed by the school).
- c. An essay (no more than 500 words) explaining why the Applicant has applied for a scholarship and why the Applicant should be selected by the Rotary Club of Oviedo for a scholarship. (A hard copy of the essay must be attached to the application cover sheet.)
- d. Provide a written response to all of the following questions  
(attach separate sheet to aforementioned essay with responses to each of the following):
  - i. Goals: In 100-200 words, describe your post-high school educational or career training goals as they relate to your overall career goals.
  - ii. Colleges/Universities/Career Programs: List the college(s), university(ies) or vocational school(s), or recognized apprenticeship course or program you are considering and/or have been accepted into

- iii. Statement of Scholarship Utilization: Describe how this scholarship will help you reach your educational and career goals.
  - iv. School Activities/Recognitions/Honors: Provide details of any academics, athletics, vocational, extracurricular, and/or leadership roles you have participated in or have been honored for during high school.
  - v. Community Activities: Provide details of any clubs, organizations, volunteer service, church activities, etc. in which you participated during high school, and any leadership positions held.
  - vi. Employment Experiences: Provide details of any employment experiences.
- e. Supplemental documents that will be accepted: Students may choose to submit letters of reference from a maximum of three academic advisors, teachers, employers, supervisors of community service or volunteer work (Strongly recommended).

## **Section II Application Review and Selection Process**

- a. **Completed applications must be received by the Oviedo Rotary Scholarship Committee, 5100 Old Howell Branch Rd, Winter Park, FL 32792 no later than April 22, 2023.**
- b. All applications shall be reviewed by the Oviedo Rotary Scholarship Committee. The Committee will make the scholarship awards based upon factors which include but are not necessarily limited to: academic success, standing in courses related to career goals, leadership, hard work, good citizenship, extracurricular activities, demonstrated community service activities, and the overall neatness and presentation of the application.
- c. Scholarship finalists will be invited to interview with members of the Scholarship Committee during the month of May. Interviews will be held at a site designated by the Oviedo Rotary Scholarship Committee.

## **Section III Type of Scholarship Sought: (one-time scholarships of \$2,000 each)**

Indicate which scholarship Applicant is applying for: **(choose only one)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic course of study at a college or university.

or

\_\_\_\_\_ Career/vocational course of study/training program at a community college, vocational school, or recognized apprenticeship course or program.

- c. Scholarship recipients will be receive a check paid jointly to the student and to the student's selected higher education institution or career training program.

#### **Section IV Pertinent Information**

- a. No person shall be denied the opportunity to apply for the Scholarship because of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, gender, family status, financial status, or sexual preference.
- b. All records, transcripts, minutes, tally sheets, and documents shall be the property of the Rotary Club of Oviedo Scholarship Committee. These records shall be retained for a period not less than one year, but will then be destroyed by secure means.
- c. All documents received as part of the application shall be treated as confidential and shall be reviewed only by members of the Rotary Club of Oviedo Scholarship Committee.

#### **Section V Miscellaneous**

a. Questions about any of the above should be directed to Ms. Tracy Zanowick  
address for submissions: Offices of Siu & Zanowick, CPAs; 5100 Old Howell Branch Rd;  
Winter Park, FL 32792. The words "ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP" must be clearly written on the  
envelope containing the completed application documents.

b. The award winner will be required to appear at the Rotary Club's weekly  
breakfast meeting (on a date to be determined) at the Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center  
located at 1601 Alafaya Trail to be recognized as the Scholarship recipient.