



ROTARY CLUB OF OVIEDO MEMORANDUM

Date: January 15, 2025
To: Oviedo Area High School Academic Advisors, Faculty, and Guidance Counselors
From: Rotary Club of Oviedo Scholarship Committee
RE: 2025 Rotary Club of Oviedo Scholarships

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 2025 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 attend Oviedo High School or Hagerty High School or live within the 32732, 32765, or 32766 zip codes. The Club will be awarding scholarship funds distributed between academic and vocational scholarships. Scholarship awards begin at \$1,000, with the final amount awarded determined at the discretion of the Oviedo Rotary Club Scholarship Committee. Selected finalists must appear in person before our Scholarship Committee to discuss high school achievements, career aspirations and goals, and should be familiar with the mission and vision of Rotary International. Award criteria are determined by the Scholarship Committee, and will include academic performance, demonstrated hard work, good citizenship, leadership, and participation in community service. Applications are due to the Rotary Club of Oviedo Scholarship Committee no later than **Friday, February 28, 2025**, and must be complete to be considered. Finalist interviews will be scheduled once applicants have been selected. 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 receive his/her award. Questions may be emailed to Tracy Zanowick at tracy@siuzanowickpas.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
2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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

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

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

Section I Type of Scholarship Sought

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

- ☐ Academic course of study at a college or university.
- ☐ Career/vocational course of study/training program at a community college, vocational school, or recognized apprenticeship course or program.
Examples of vocational study include but are not limited to nursing, police academy, first responder academy, culinary school, trade school.

Applicant

Street Address

City, State, ZIP

Email Address

Telephone Number

Preferred Contact Method

- ☐ Email
☐ Phone

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

Signature of Applicant

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Scholarship Application Guidelines

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (a. through d.) MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICES OF SIU & ZANOWICK, CPAS LOCATED AT 5100 OLD HOWELL BRANCH RD, WINTER PARK, FL 32792 BY DELIVERY, E-MAIL OR BY MAIL NO LATER THAN **5:00 PM ON FEBRUARY 28, 2025**, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP.

Section I Application Format and Content Requirements

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Mail all documents including the cover sheet to the name/address listed in section IV-miscellaneous)

- a. Completed application and cover sheet.
- b. An official copy of the applicant's current high school transcript must be mailed to the name/address listed in section IV-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 he/she should be selected by the Rotary Club of Oviedo. (A hard copy of the essay must be attached to the application cover sheet.)

The following items may be considered in essay review:

- i. Goals: 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.
- iii. Statement of Scholarship Utilization: Describe how this scholarship will help you reach your educational and career goals.
- iv. School Activities/Recognitions/Honors: Share details of any academic, athletic, vocational, extracurricular, and/or leadership roles held, or awards given during high school.
- v. Community Activities: Provide details of any leadership roles or participation in clubs, organizations, volunteer opportunities, church activities, etc.
- vi. Employment Experiences: Provide details of any employment experiences.

- d. 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 February 28, 2025.**
- 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, 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 in March. Interviews will be held at a site chosen by the Oviedo Rotary Scholarship Committee.

Section III Additional 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 orientation.
- 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 kept for a period of 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.
- d. Scholarship recipients will receive a check paid jointly to the student and to the student's selected higher education institution or career training program.

Section IV Miscellaneous

- a. Questions about any of the above should be directed to Ms. Tracy Zanowick. The 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 Oviedo Rotary Club's weekly breakfast meeting (on a date to be determined) located at Lutheran Haven, 2041 West S.R. 426, Oviedo, Florida 32765.