

Rotary Club of Hendersonville Scholarship

Purpose: The Rotary Club of Hendersonville offers a competitive scholarship process which awards scholarship(s) to college-bound high school seniors or matriculating early college students. Awards are based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, and participation and leadership in community based volunteer projects. Preference will be given to students who have been and are currently members of an Interact or Roteract Club.

Criteria: The students eligible for assistance must be graduating high school seniors or matriculating early college students who reside in Henderson County, NC and intend to continue their education at a two or four-year accredited college or university. Consideration will be given to academic achievement, financial need and the student's community service record. Students should submit a scholarship application on the form provided by the Rotary Club of Hendersonville ([2019 application form](#)).

Essay: Each application must be accompanied by a 1 to 2 page typed essay on selected topic ([see list of possible topics](#)).

Guidelines: Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis and disbursed in equal payments in August and January. Students must continue to attend classes and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (or equivalent).

Amount: Each scholarship awarded will be a minimum of \$2,000 annually to be paid in two equal installments. Based on student performance and available funds this scholarship may be renewed to three additional years.

Deadline: The application must be postmarked no later than April 15th.

Change to Deadline: The deadline for applications has been extended to April 25th. The application must be postmarked no later than **April 25th**.

Selection Process: A committee of no less than 3 members of the Rotary Club of Hendersonville will review all applications and essays. Interviews will be arranged and conducted by this committee. The Committee will make the final selection and the award will be announced at the Awards Day program(s) at the respective high schools of the winner(s).

Recipient Responsibilities: Award recipients will be required to attend no less than 1 Club meeting annually. At this meeting they will be asked to update the club on their college experience and share any exciting or inspiring experiences. A representative of the Scholarship Committee will help the student prepare for this short presentation.

Recipients will also be responsible for sharing their semester grades with the Scholarship Committee prior to receiving the subsequent semester's payment.