

Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island Scholarship Information Sheet 2021

Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island is again offering academic scholarships to graduating high-school seniors. Scholarship awardees are eligible to receive scholarship funding (\$4,000/year) for a maximum of four (4) years.

Scholarship renewal is contingent upon the awardee's compliance with the communication/documentation requirements as set forth in the Scholarship Award Disclaimer and Publicity Release Document.

If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, you must be residing on Hilton Head Island, and/or be attending a Hilton Head Island school (public or private).

The scholarship application is available on the following link:

<https://forms.gle/kPq7ofNW72jhfWvs6> . If you do not already have one, you will need to create a Google Account to complete the application. This form along with the requested attachments/uploads must be submitted no later than Sunday, 12:00 Midnight, March 14, 2021.

Your potential for post-secondary success in a four-year college or university will be evaluated utilizing the following parameters:

- Academic performance
- Financial need (as demonstrated by the submission of a completed FAFSA form)
- School activities participation
- Community volunteer experience
- Work experience (if applicable)
- Letters of recommendation from two unrelated adults

The Scholarship Committee is aware that the COVID-19 pandemic may have disrupted your life and your postsecondary educational plans. Therefore, space is now available on the application form for you, if you so wish, to discuss how the pandemic has impacted you and your future plans.

NOTE: Students planning to attend South Carolina colleges or universities will receive preferential consideration.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island, the Scholarship Committee wishes to thank you for your interest in this scholarship opportunity. May we also congratulate you on your forthcoming graduation, and wish you great success in your future endeavors.

Scholarship Award Disclaimer and Publicity Release

The Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island assumes no responsibility for late, lost, incomplete and/or misdirected scholarship applications.

Each scholarship winner grants the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island the right to use his or her name and likeness, the name of any school attended or to be attended, and his or her proposed study major. This information may be disclosed in advertising and promotion without further permission or compensation.

Once your application has been received, the committee may invite you for an interview. The committee will consider all aspects of your application during the selection process. Scholarship funding will be forwarded to the selectee's student account. Scholarship recipients are responsible for providing student account and mailing information using the following email address: hiltonheadrotary@gmail.com. If you are named a scholarship winner, and you accept the scholarship, you also agree to fulfill the following requirements:

- Provide written correspondence (an e-mail is acceptable) once per academic year detailing your academic performance and school/community activities.
- Provide a statement regarding whether or not you intend to continue on to the next academic year. If you are continuing to the next academic year, a Proof of Enrollment form must be forwarded to Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island prior to release of additional funding.

The Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island scholarship is awarded on a yearly basis with the assumption that the student will attend his or her designated institution for the full academic year. If, due to a change in circumstance, a scholarship awardee requests a leave of absence (deferment) from his or her college or university, the Scholarship Committee requests a notification e-mail containing the following information:

- Leave start date and anticipated return date.
- A brief summary of the reasons leading to the deferral request.
- Confirmation of the college or university the awardee will be returning to.

The Scholarship Committee will review the information, and if necessary, contact the awardee for further discussions regarding future plans.

In all instances, the Scholarship Committee expects to receive timely updates regarding the awardee's academic progress.

Certification and Consent to Release Information

By signing below, the student certifies that he or she has read and agrees to the stipulations as set forth in the Scholarship Disclaimer and Publicity Release Document. Further, the student represents that to the best of his or her knowledge, all documents associated with the scholarship application process are complete and accurate.

Applicant Signature: **Date:**

Parent/Guardian Signature:
 Date: