

WAKEFIELD ROTARY SERVICE ABOVE SELF SCHOLARSHIP



OBJECTIVE:

To provide a four year award to a deserving high school senior from Narragansett, South Kingstown and Prout high schools. The recipient(s) lifestyle should represent the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self. The award money is to be used for continuing education in a four year program at a college or university.

CRITERIA:

The student to be selected for the scholarship should be judged on the characteristics of service to others and leadership. Other important considerations are scholarship and need. The following is a discussion of each criteria in the order of priority consideration:

1. **SERVICE:** The student should exhibit the quality of providing service to others by giving of his or her time to organizations or projects which serve to enhance the welfare of others. It should be evident that the student participated in such activities without expectation of reward. Examples of such service may be work in the community involved with elderly, infirmed, scouting, church, or youth groups.
2. **LEADERSHIP:** Leadership and a willingness to shoulder its burden is another trait characteristic of the Rotary Ideal. The student should not only be a participant in the activities, but be one who puts in the extra effort of assuming responsibilities, motivating others, and helping to lead in the achievement of the project or organization goals.
3. **SCHOLARSHIP:** Scholarship is naturally important, but not an overriding criteria. Essentially, this may be important when deciding between two deserving students. The student should have solid academic skills and preferably be in the top one-third of the class.
4. **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Participation in school activities such as, school newspaper, school tutor program, cheerleader, school sports program, student government, etc. will be considered.
5. **NEED:** As with scholarship, this may be a deciding criteria. Naturally, we would like the award to go to the student who exhibits the greatest need to further his or her education.

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GUIDELINES

1. The award is \$1,000 for four years. The annual award is renewable based upon a review of the recipient's academic progress (see # 9).
2. Awarded to a graduating senior from Narragansett, South Kingstown and Prout High Schools AND a resident of Narragansett or South Kingstown.
3. Student must be attending post high school studies at a 4 year college or university.
4. Award based on criteria of service, leadership, scholarship and need.
5. Applications will be delivered to the three high schools in January and will provide a link to the information and application on the Rotary Web site where students may download the information themselves.
6. Applications are to be returned to the Guidance Department where the cover page with the name is to be removed. Each application is to be numbered. The numbers with corresponding names are to be put in a sealed envelope. A member of the scholarship committee will pick up the completed applications and the sealed envelope with corresponding names early April.
7. The Wakefield Rotary Club will notify the school which application was selected within three weeks of receipt of applications. The award is made at the senior awards banquet at the end of the school year—a member of the scholarship committee will present the award along with a certificate commemorating the award.
8. Each student will be invited to a Rotary luncheon for recognition in front of the club and will be asked to make a short speech about their activities and expectations.
9. Each student is responsible for maintaining a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). This requires the recipient (not the parents) to send his or her transcript and request for continuing the award at the end of each academic year. Failure to contact the chair of the Scholarship Committee will result in loss of award.
10. The Committee chair for the Wakefield Rotary Scholarship program is Martha Whittier who can be reached by:
Email – mpn224@verizon.net or
Regular mail – Rotary Club of Wakefield, PO Box 382, Wakefield, RI 02879

Cover page:

Application



Rotary Club of Wakefield “Service Above Self” Scholarship

Name: _____

Application #: _____

Application #: _____ **High School:** _____

Process:

Please complete this application and return it to your guidance office no later than Friday, April 6, 2012. Please list your name on the cover page only of this application. In order for our committee to make an unbiased decision, it is imperative that your name not appear anywhere other than the cover page of this application.

If needed use back of page or use additional paper.

The Rotary Club will make its selection based on the application information and notify the high school administration of the final selection.

Service:

Please list and describe how you feel you exhibited the quality of providing service to others.

Activities:

Please list and describe the activities you have been involved in during your high school years. Include the purpose of the organization, project, your role and any results.

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Application #: _____ **High School:** _____

Academic Summary:

Grade Point Average:

Please list any work experience that you have had outside of school:

Future Education Plans:

Need:

Please describe how this scholarship will assist you with your particular needs.

**Please return this application to your school counselor by
Friday, April 6, 2012**