



Club No. 5265

District 7360

Rotary Club of Altoona

### 2024 Scholarship Information and Guidelines

Attached please find the 2024 Altoona Rotary Club Scholarship application. This letter will provide you with a brief background of the Altoona Rotary Scholarship Program, detail the information required to apply, and critical deadline dates.

In 1998 the Altoona Rotary Club began its scholarship program. Over the last twenty-three years, the Club has given away \$474,500 and assisted 456 students from three area high schools (Altoona Area High School, Altoona Career and Technology Center, and Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School). The

Each scholarship application is scored by at least six committee members using the following criteria: financial need, scholastic achievement, in-school and extracurricular activities, and finally community involvement. In order to properly score your application, please answer each question fully and to the best of your ability. Additional required documentation is detailed below.

Please use this checklist to ensure that your application is complete prior to submittal for consideration;

1. All questions on the application form have been answered.
2. The essay is either written on the application, or attached as a separate page.
3. Parental or guardian tax returns are attached. 2022 returns are preferred, but 2021 is acceptable. If 2022 returns are not available, and there has been a significant change in income from 2021, please include a note of explanation. **IMPORTANT: For privacy and security reasons, please black out all social security numbers on your tax returns.**
4. A current school transcript is attached.

**Return the application, with supporting documentation detailed above, to the Guidance office on or before APRIL 5TH, 2024.**

**PLEASE SCAN AND EMAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION to [pbaker@blairregionalmca.org](mailto:pbaker@blairregionalmca.org) on or before APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 – ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL @ 814-695-4467 EXT 218**

Thank you for your interest in the Altoona Rotary Club Scholarship. Winners will be announced in mid-April, and checks will be awarded at a Rotary meeting in May. Award winners are expected to attend the meeting to receive their award.

Phyllis Baker  
Altoona Rotary Club Scholarship Chair

In 1999, Steve Seltzer was the incoming President of the Rotary Club of Altoona. Steve was well prepared for the challenge as he grew up in a Rotary family (his father Irv Seltzer served as District Governor of Rotary some years previous).

Steve felt that a Scholarship program for the senior students of the three area high schools served by the Rotary Club of Altoona would be a great addition to our agenda of community service projects.

Reaching out to several Rotarians (John Wolf, Bill Ward, Herk Betar, Steve Sheetz, Al Holtzinger, Lee Hite and others who agreed to develop a program that would service the needs of area students and be funded solely by the members of the Rotary Club of Altoona.

The first few years of the program were especially challenging, but as the word got out in the local schools that Altoona Rotary had a special format, the interest from educators, parents and students began to build.

The special features of our program include an eleven point matrix to cover four critiques.

- 1) broad based criteria for eligibility to qualify . . . Academic Achievement, Student Activities, Need, and Community Service);
- 2) A hand written letter by the student applicant outlining their goals and interests;
- 3) Award winners are invited to attend Tuesday noon meeting of our Rotary Club with their parents or guardian in order to receive their check and learn about the role of Rotary in our community.

Questions that are frequently asked include following...

How do students apply? Students who are attending high school in the area served by the Rotary Club of Altoona, i.e Altoona Area High School, Bishop Guilfoyle High School, or

Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center may contact their Guidance for the guidelines and timelines of our program. The program typically has guidelines available in early February. Students and Counselors are given key dates to complete the academic and financial information to be turned into the Rotary Scholarship Committee by mid March. "Winning" Students are then notified by mail in early April or the good news and the dates of the Rotary Club luncheon.

At this meeting students, parents and educators are welcomed by the Rotarians and presented their award check.





## ROTARY CLUB OF ALTOONA 2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Top Three Colleges, Trade Schools, or Post-Secondary Vocational Schools to Which You Have Applied:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Parents/Guardians:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parents/Guardians Combined Gross Income Last Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Brothers and Sisters in the Family and Their Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

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If self-supporting, your gross income last year: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Family Assets:

Do You or Your Parents/Guardians Own a House? \_\_\_\_\_

Do You or Your Parents/Guardians Own a Car? \_\_\_\_\_

### School and Community Activities

List School Activities in Which You Participated in High School and the Years Participated:

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In What School Activities Were You Elected or Appointed a Leader?

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If Employed, Name of Current Employer & Number of Hours Worked per week:

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Hours worked/week: \_\_\_\_\_

List Civic Activities (Scouts, YMCA, Recreation Activities or Sports, etc.)

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### Academic Recognition

List All Academic Honors (Honor Roll, Etc.) You Have Received

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### Post Secondary Plans

Future Professional Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

First Choice of College: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice of College: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_

### Anticipated Post-Secondary Education Costs:

Tuition and Fees: \_\_\_\_\_ Room & Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid (Pell, Bank Loans, Scholarship Aid, Etc.) Expected: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Aid Expected: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Contribution From Work or Savings: \_\_\_\_\_

## ESSAY

Please explain why Rotary Aid is important or essential to you to complete your goals.

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**Please return this form with any supporting documents you might wish to add to the Guidance Office before April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Be sure to include your tax return documentation.**

Please include your high school transcript of your grades to date.

All information contained herein and to be received will be treated in confidence. If you are granted a scholarship, you must attend the Rotary presentation to be held at noon on a Tuesday prior to graduation.