



Putnam Rotary Scholarship

Instructions for Applicants

This scholarship is designed for students who are not otherwise eligible for traditional scholarships or grants.

1. Eligibility

- a. Student must be enrolled in a Putnam County School,
- b. Student must qualify to be accepted into a West Virginia college or university,
- c. Student must plan to attend a West Virginia college or university,
- d. Student cannot be a member of the immediate family of a Rotarian.
- e. Student must demonstrate need for the scholarship,
- f. Student references must demonstrate character,
- g. Student must report two times per year to Rotary on their learning experiences and the value of the scholarship to them,
- h. Student must be available for promotional photos for Rotary.

2. Application Process

- a. Complete Basic Application Form enclosed.
- b. Send Official Transcripts including GPA and ACT or SAT scores,
- c. Send a statement from the applicant describing evidence of difficult circumstances and demonstrating need for the scholarship,
- d. Send letters of reference from the high school counselor and from one teacher providing evidence of good character.
- e. **Write an essay on the following topic: How Can the Four-Way Test be Used in Daily Life?**
 1. Rotary is an organization that is guided by a four-way test as its members strive to offer "service above self."
 2. The Four-Way Test
 - a. Is it the truth?
 - b. Is it fair to all concerned?
 - c. Will it build good will and better friendships?
 - d. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
 3. Essay must be typed and at least 200 words (approximately one page).
 4. Extra points will be given for references to personal experiences and creativity demonstrated in the essay,
- f. Submit the application, transcripts, statement of need, references of character and the completed essay to:

**The Rotary Club of Putnam County
P.O. Box 654
Scott Depot, WV 25560**

3. Important Information and Dates

- a. The value of the scholarship is \$2,000.00.
- b. The scholarship is renewable (student can reapply) under the following conditions.
 - 1. A GPA above 2.0 is maintained in college work.
 - 2. Student reports progress to Rotary at the end of each semester of school.
- c. Applications are due by May 13th, 2008.
- d. The scholarship will be awarded by June 13th, 2008.