



The Rotary Club of Putnam County
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Putnam County 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 good 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. The 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. Please submit the application, transcripts, a statement of need, references of good character and the completed essay to the address at the top of this page.

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.** The application is due by **May 22nd, 2009**.
- d.** The scholarship will be awarded by **June 15th, 2009**.