

ROTARY CLUB OF OVIEDO

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 2017

To: High School Academic Advisors

From: Rotary Club of Oviedo Education Committee

RE: 2017 Rotary Club of Oviedo Scholarship

Annually, the Rotary Club of Oviedo seeks to award a renewing four-year scholarship to a student graduating from an accredited high school or equivalent (i.e. public high school, home-school, prep school parochial school, etc.). The student must reside in the Oviedo community within the boundaries that our club uses to recruit club members. The scholarship provides \$1,000 annually for four years to students who provide proof, annually, of a continued minimum 3.0 GPA. Students will be expected to be able to speak to the mission and vision of Rotary International. Graduating seniors who have earned a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 who are in good standing and pursuing a degree in a Florida Educational Institution beyond the high school level are eligible to apply. Students with community service and a demonstrated history of volunteerism will be given preference.

Applications are due to the Rotary Club of Oviedo Education Committee not later than Friday May 6, 2017 and must be complete to be considered.

Finalist interviews will be determined once candidates have been selected. Interviews will take place at the Offices of Siu & Zanowick, CPAs located at 5100 Old Howell Branch Rd, Winter Park, FL 32792. The student shall be notified of the time of the interview once they have been selected. Scholarship applicants will only be contacted if they have been selected for an interview.

The selected Scholarship Recipient shall be notified during the month of May and is required to attend the Rotary Club's weekly meeting to be recognized and receive the award.

Questions may be sent via email to tracyz.siuropa@gmail.com with the word scholarship in the subject line.

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Scholarship Program Application

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (a. through e.) MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDRESS LISTED IN SECTION V BY NO LATER THAN 5 PM ON Friday May 6th, 2017 TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF IN PERSON AT THE OFFICES MENTIONED ABOVE.

I Application Format and Content Requirements (Incomplete applications will not be accepted-mail all documents attached to the cover sheet to the name/address listed in section V-miscellaneous)

- a. Completed formal application cover sheet B See page 4 of this document.
- b. An official copy of the applicant's current high school transcript (must be mailed to the name/address listed in section V-miscellaneous as a hard copy sealed by the school).
- c. An essay (no more than 500 words) explaining why the Candidate has applied for this scholarship and why the Candidate should be selected by the Rotary Club of Oviedo for this scholarship. (A hard copy of the essay must be attached to the application cover sheet.)
- d. Applicants shall provide a written response to all of the following questions (attach separate sheet to aforementioned essay with responses to each of the following):
 - i. Education Goals: In 100-200 words, describe your educational goals as they relate to your overall career goals.

- ii. Colleges/Universities: Indicate the college(s) or university(ies) you are considering and/or have received an acceptance letter from.
- iii. Statement of Scholarship Utilization: Describe how this scholarship will help you reach your educational goals.
- iv. School Activities/Recognitions/Honors: Provide details of any academics, athletics, vocational, extracurricular, and/or leadership roles you have participated in or have been honored for during high school.
- v. Community Activities: Provide details of any clubs, organizations, volunteer service, church activities, etc. in which you have participated during high school.
- vi. Employment Experiences: Provide details of any employment experiences.
- vii. Financial Aid/Scholarships*:
 - 1) Have you applied for other financial aid such as State or Federal funding, or other scholarships, etc...? If yes, please provide details including status of the application.
 - 2) Have you qualified for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship?
 - 3) Do you have a Florida Pre-paid Tuition plan available to you?

*Affirmative responses to question vii. will not disqualify the candidate

e. Supplemental documents that will be accepted: Students may choose to submit letters of reference from a maximum of three academic advisors, instructors, employers, supervisors of community service or volunteer work (Strongly recommended).

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Section II Application Review and Selection Process

- a. Completed applications must be received by the Oviedo Rotary Education Committee no later than May 6th, 2017.
- b. All applications shall be reviewed by the Oviedo Rotary Scholarship Selection Committee. The Scholarship Selection Committee shall award points based upon: academic success, standing in courses related to career goals, citizenship, extracurricular activities, community service activities, and the overall neatness and presentation of the application.
- c. Scholarship finalists will be invited to interview with members of the Scholarship Committee during the month of May. Interviews will be held at a site designated by the Oviedo Rotary Scholarship Selection Committee.

Section III Life of the Award

- a. One four-year scholarship may be awarded during the month of May and funded at rate of \$1000 annually.
- b. College scholarship/Financial Aid and/or Vocational Education scholarship awards will be given on application renewal basis; annually, the student must present a current transcript showing a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average. This documentation will be due to the Education Committee by August 1 of each year during the life of the scholarship.

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- i. If the student does not maintain a >3.0 GPA, he or she will be on probation for the following school year.
 - ii. If the student does not increase to a >3.0 GPA after being on probation, he or she will forfeit the balance of the scholarship.
 - iii. The award must be used by the recipient by October 1 of each year.
- c. A check in the amount of the award shall be written to the student.
 - d. In the event that the recipient decides not to use the scholarship, he/she must notify the Education Committee of the Rotary Club of Oviedo, P.O. Box 622054, Oviedo, FL 32765 on or before August 1 of each year.

Section IV Pertinent Information

- a. No person shall be denied the opportunity to apply for the award because of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, gender, family status, financial status, or sexual preferences.
- b. All records, transcripts, minutes, tally sheets, and documents shall be the property of the Education Committee of the Rotary Club of Oviedo. These records shall be retained for a period not less than one year.
- c. All documents received as part of the application shall be treated as confidential and shall be reviewed only by members of the Education Committee of the Rotary Club of Oviedo.

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Section V Miscellaneous

a. Questions about any of the above should be directed to Ms. Tracy Zanowick address for submissions: Offices of Siu & Zanowick, CPAs; 5100 Old Howell Branch Rd; Winter Park, FL 32792. The words "ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP" must be clearly written on the envelope containing the completed application documents.

b. The award winner will be required to appear at the Rotary Club's weekly breakfast meeting (on a date to be determined) at the Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center located at 1601 Alafaya Trail (next to Citizens Bank) to be recognized as the Scholarship recipient.