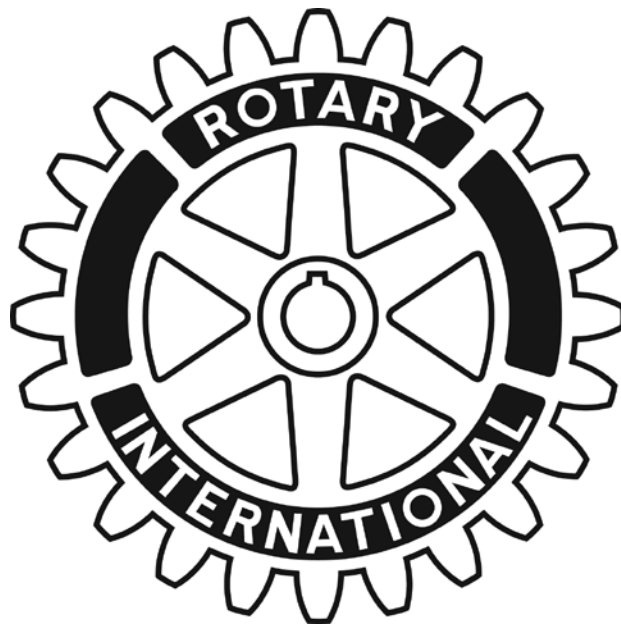


# The Saratoga Springs Rotary Club Scholarship Program

Funded by the Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation, Inc.



"Service Above Self"

**ROTARY CLUB OF SARATOGA SPRINGS  
SARATOGA SPRINGS ROTARY EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.  
Scholarship Program**

**APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE APRIL 15**

**ELIGIBILITY**

**To be eligible for a scholarship you must:**

- Be a high school senior attending private or public school within Saratoga Springs City School District
- You must pursue a degree at an accredited 2 or 4 year college or post-secondary vocational educational institution.

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

The Saratoga Springs Rotary Club and the Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation, Inc. reserve the unqualified right and discretion to withhold some or all of an award and/or delay an award due to insufficient academic performance determined by the Foundation.

Some scholarships are focused on a particular area of study, such as, performing arts, hospitality, architecture, and graphic arts.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Financial need (lack of financial need does not disqualify any applicant)
- Academic record and work
- Personal qualities
- Community service
- Extracurricular activities

**Return the application materials to:  
Saratoga Rotary Scholarship Committee  
PO Box 979  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866**

**CALENDAR**

<b>APRIL 15</b>	Postmark Deadline for Completed Application Packets
<b>MAY</b>	Finalists will be invited to a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee
<b>JUNE</b>	Scholarship recipients are invited to attend the Rotary Award Luncheon where Scholarship Awards will be announced

*All selection decisions are final and are not subject to appeal. Applications and supporting documents become the sole property of the Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs and cannot be returned. We regret that we can only notify finalists of their award status.*

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Use a computer or typewriter to complete your Application Form, Essays, and Activities and Awards. Use no less than 11 point type in completing all materials. If you do not have access to a computer or typewriter, please neatly print the application materials in blue or black ink. Please use an original or photocopy of the official application form.

**ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS**

**IMPORTANT** - Please attach a single 8 ½ x 11 sheet. Within each category, list no more than 5 of the most important activities (by your judgment) – in decreasing order of importance (e.g. the most important listed first).

1. **Extracurricular Activities** - Describe the extracurricular activities you have been involved in, how long you have been involved in each, and how much time you spend on each in a typical week (please choose top 5 music, sports, student clubs, or other organizations).
2. **Community Service** - Describe any social service or volunteer experience you have had, and the amount of time spent on such experience
3. **Work Experience** - Describe any jobs held during your high school career and the number of hours per week spent at work.
4. **Awards** - List any community, academic or athletic awards and/or honors received over last four years.

**ESSAYS**

**IMPORTANT** – We strongly suggest that your essays are “on topic” – as opposed to related (or unrelated) admission essays. Please provide one essay each on *both* of the following topics. The essays should NOT exceed 250 words:

1. *What single achievement are you most proud of, and why?*
2. *Rotary’s motto is “Service Above Self”. Describe how you have demonstrated commitment to this ideal.*

For ease of completion, one (or more) electronic versions of this application are available at [www.saratogaspringsrotary.org](http://www.saratogaspringsrotary.org)

# Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs Scholarship Application Form

## Personal Information

Name _____				
Last _____	First _____	Middle _____		
Address _____				
Street _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____	
Phone ( ) _____	Email _____	Date of Birth _____	/ /	

## Academic Performance Information

School Attended _____	Class Rank _____ out of _____
Test Scores SAT _____	Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____
ACT _____ (Composite)	
No Test Required or Taken <input type="checkbox"/>	

## College/Post-Secondary Education Plans

Type of Institution you Plan to Attend:	
4 Year College <input type="checkbox"/>	2 Year College <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Secondary Vocational Ed <input type="checkbox"/>
Institution Where You Plan to Enroll for the upcoming Academic Year	
Institution Name ("SUNY" for example) _____	
Campus You Will Attend (Geneseo, for example) _____	City and State _____
Expected Major _____	Expected Degree Bachelor's <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> _____
Planned Career _____	Desired Profession _____
Other institutions to which you've applied _____	Other institutions to which you've been accepted _____

## Financial Need Information

I wish to have my financial need considered as part of my application.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>IMPORTANT</b> - If you answered <b>yes</b> , please provide with your application a copy of your Student Aid Report ( <b>SAR</b> ) that is provided by the Department of Education.
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*I certify that the information on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as of the date given.*

Student Signature _____	Date _____
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### APPLICATION CHECKLIST (BE SURE YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE CONTAINS):

- APPLICATION
- SINGLE 8 ½ by 11 ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS SHEET
- BOTH ESSAYS
- SAR form if you wish to have financial need considered
- ACCEPTED College Financial Aid Award Letter (s)
- COPY OF HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

MAIL YOUR APPLICATION PACKAGE BY THE APRIL 15 POSTMARK DEADLINE!!!

**Mail application to: Saratoga Rotary Scholarship Committee, PO Box 979, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866**

## About Rotary

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 34,000 Rotary clubs located around the globe. The Rotary Motto is “*Service Above Self.*”

Local Rotary clubs develop service projects that address many of today’s most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence.

## Rotary and Polio

All Rotarians worldwide are united in a campaign for the global eradication of polio. Since 1985, when Rotary implemented the PolioPlus program more than two billion children received the oral polio vaccine through the efforts of Rotary International, its Foundation, and those of Rotary's partner organizations. The number of cases of polio has declined by more than 99%. By the time the world is certified polio-free, Rotary's contributions to the global polio eradication effort will exceed US\$1.2 billion. Rotary has provided an army of volunteers to promote and assist at national immunization days in polio-endemic countries around the world.

Rotary also supports programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development. For more information on Rotary, please visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

## The Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs

Since its founding in 1924, the Saratoga Springs Rotary Club has served the local community in many ways. Numerous not-for-profit organizations in the area have received donations and major gifts from the Club, including the YMCA, Yaddo, Franklin Community Center, Saratoga EOC, Saratoga Hospital, Saratoga Center for the Family, and Saratoga Arts, to name just a few. The Club’s annual Home & Garden Show has been its major fundraising activity since 1973. Proceeds from this event support the Club’s donations to local organizations, youth scholarships, and international activities.

## Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation

In 1997, to address the ever-increasing costs of College and post-secondary vocational education, the Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs formed a tax-exempt organization with 501(c)(3) status, to permit fundraising activities that could support larger scholarships. Since then, scholarship funding from the Home & Garden Show has been supplemented by private and corporate donations, and by another annual fundraiser, the Education and Community Service Awards brunch held in the late fall.

## Scholarship Information

The Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs awards roughly one dozen scholarships each year, with a combined worth of more than \$40,000. Most are given to students showing great promise as future leaders, as demonstrated by overall excellence in academics and extra-curricular activities, as well as initiative or leadership in social service, volunteer, or work activities. A few of the scholarships are focused on a particular area of study, based on the particular wishes of donors.

**For descriptions of the Saratoga Springs Rotary Club scholarships available in the current year please visit [www.saratogaspringsrotary.org](http://www.saratogaspringsrotary.org)**

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