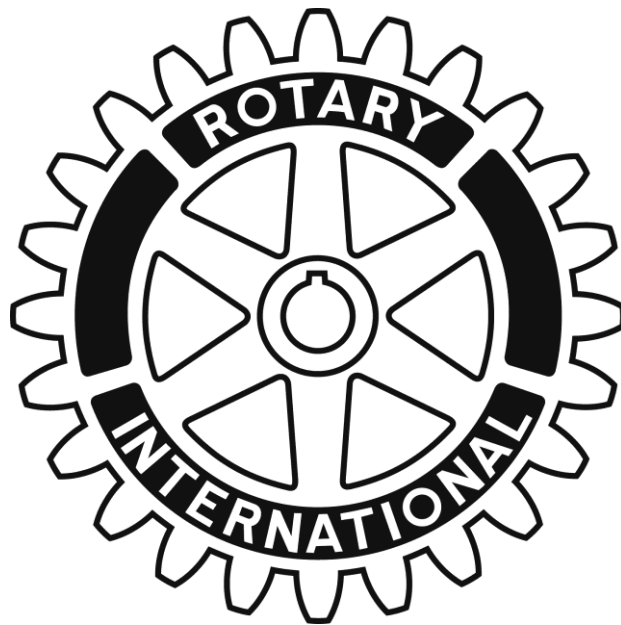


# The Saratoga Springs Rotary Club Scholarship Program

Funded by the Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation, Inc.



## "Service Above Self"

**Return the application materials 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.

## **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 Children’s Museum, 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 & Lifestyle 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. More information on the club can be found at [www.saratogaspringsrotary.org](http://www.saratogaspringsrotary.org).

## **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 & Lifestyle 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. These fundraising activities support the mission of the foundation:

*The Saratoga Springs Rotary Education Foundation assists students from the greater Saratoga community to advance their education and training by raising and managing funds in support of scholarships and general educational needs.*

Further information about the Foundation can be found at [www.saratogaspringsscholarships.org](http://www.saratogaspringsscholarships.org)

## **Scholarship Information**

The Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs awards roughly one dozen scholarships each year, with a combined value of more than \$50,000.

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.

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**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.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Applications are evaluated based on the combination of the following criteria:

- Community Service
- Extracurricular and Work Activities
- Academic Record
- Affordability of your College/School of choice

**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**

**Please neatly print the application materials in blue or black ink. All submission material must be printed on single-sided sheets. Blank forms are available at [www.saratogaspringsrotary.org](http://www.saratogaspringsrotary.org)**

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST (Single-Sided Only)**

1. Rotary Scholarship Application Form
2. Description/List of Activities and Awards
3. Required Essays
4. FAFSA results (SAR)
5. Financial Aid Award Letters from College(s)
6. Copy of High School Transcript
7. Letter of Recommendation - the Scholarship committee may contact this person

**ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS**

Important – Please attach a single 8 ½ x 11 sheet. List up to 5 activities/accomplishments in each category which apply. List those most important to you first.

1. Extracurricular Activities- Describe any 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 a maximum of 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 your last four years.

**ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Important** – We strongly suggest that your essays are “on topic” – please do not use admission or other unrelated essays for this purpose. 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.*

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# Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs Scholarship Application Form

APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE APRIL 15

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

## Academic Performance Information

Name of High School Attending _____	<i>Attach high school transcript</i>
<i>If Applicable:</i>	
Test Scores:      SAT ____ Math ____ Reading/Writing	ACT ____ (composite)      GPA: ____

## College/Post-Secondary Education Status

Name of College(s) or Vocational Ed Institution	2yr/4yr/Other	Admitted (yes /waiting?)	Enrolled?
(Name) _____	_____	_____	_____
(Name) _____	_____	_____	_____
(Name) _____	_____	_____	_____
(Name) _____	_____	_____	_____

In addition to the general Rotary Scholarship awards, there are also career/academic discipline-based scholarships. Please also provide the following information:

Expected Major \_\_\_\_\_ Planned Career \_\_\_\_\_

If applying for a specific scholarship, please list here: \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that the information provided on and with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as of the date given.*

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail completed application and supporting documents to:**

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