The Rotary Club Of Farmington
Scholarship Application - $1000 In Total To Be Awarded
"Service Above Self" - 2025

Applicant's Name: _____

Rotary International has a long-standing commitment to two major convictions as they apply to daily living, decision making and personal life choices. These two convictions are:

1. ***"Service Above Self"***

2. ***"The Four Way Test" – Of all the things we do and say:***
   - Is it the truth?
   - Is it fair, to all concerned?
   - Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
   - Will it be beneficial, to all concerned?

The Rotary Club of Farmington is privileged to receive your application. Thank you for your commitment to serve others, to truth, to personal character, to strive for your very best!

A selection committee will determine your eligibility and review your application based on the following criteria:

1. The student's experiences serving others and volunteering in the school and the community, including clubs, organizations, churches, civic groups, teams, etc.
2. The student's future commitment and goals to serving others.

The Rotary Club of Farmington will keep all information confidential. Applications will be assigned numbers prior to review by the selection committee. Selection committee members will initially not know the names of applicants.

All parts of this application must be emailed or postmarked by Monday, May 5, 2025, or returned by Monday, May 5, 2025 to the school's main office, to be considered eligible. Late applications will not be accepted.

If you have questions regarding this application or the process, you can contact Rotary member Jamie Thompson, 612-369-3432; Jamie.Thompson@lordoflifemn.org While Jamie Thompson will assist applicants and The Rotary Club in this process, he will not be part of the selection committee. Scholarship applications can also be requested and questions can also be answered by emailing: info@farmingtonrotary.com

Please sign and date your application below, indicating that all the information submitted in the following pages is true to the best of your knowledge.

_____	_____	_____
Applicant's Signature	Parent or Guardian Signature	Date

Date Received _____ (to be noted by Rotary as received)

The Rotary Club of Farmington "Service Above Self" Scholarship Application

Personal Information

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Parent's Name(s) _____

High School (s) _____

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Post Secondary (PSEO experience, if applies) _____

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Instructions: In completing this application, please properly label each response to correspond to the appropriate number (#1-#4 below, and #5 on the next page). Letters of recommendation, (#6 & #7 on the next page) can simply be included in your application.

Experience & Goals in Serving Others

1. List service opportunities that you have been involved in over the past four years.

    a. In your school: (be specific about types of service and leadership, not simply participation)

    b. In your community, including clubs, organizations, church, etc: (be specific about types of service and leadership, not simply participation)

2. Describe several things you have learned as a result of service activities and serving others. (new understandings about yourself, about others, diverse cultures, different needs, etc.)

3. What are your career goals for your post-secondary education?

4. Describe specific ways you see yourself serving others in the future. Consider both how you might use your future career, as well as your own personal interests and volunteer support, to put "service above self."

5. ***"Service Above Self"*** Essay

   Keep in mind the ***Four Way Test*** and the conviction of ***Service Above Self*** when writing your brief essay, 250-500 words, as directed below.

   Essay Topic – A 3 Part Essay On The Value Of Service, The Spirit Of Service

   Incorporate into your 250-500 word essay the following 3 points:

   Part 1 – Write about a historical person, or someone you know personally, who has inspired you with the spirit of service – include what this person did or was involved in, and how this has motivated you to make a difference.

   Part 2 – In a world that in some ways is increasingly arrogant, intolerant, self-centered, divisive, narcissistic, write about what is at risk, if fewer and fewer people do not put "service above self," what is the cost of not investing in caring for others, not reaching out to value one another.

   Part 3 – Incorporate into your essay, why you care about serving others; how your skills, your interests, your sense of purpose, move you to serve others, to put service above self, as you take the risk, as you step in and step forward, as you inspire others to serve as well.

6. Please attach one letter of recommendation from a person, (not a family member) who can testify to your involvement in serving others.

7. Please attach one letter of recommendation from a teacher/coach or other adult (not family members) who can attest to your personal character.

Thank you for completing your application.

Remember: All applications are due in the school's office or via email by Monday, May 5, 2025. If mailing your application, it must be post marked by Monday, May 5, 2025. We are sorry that no late applications can be accepted.

If you choose to, mail your completed application to:
The Rotary Club of Farmington
P. O. Box 175
Farmington, MN 55024

The Rotary Club of Farmington will award a total of $1000 in scholarships this year. Scholarships will be announced and awarded through coordinated communication with Farmington High School.