



ROTARY CLUB OF WAUSAU SCHOLARSHIP



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The Rotary Club of Wausau Scholarship Fund, which is administered within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, has been endowed through the collective donations of members of the Wausau Rotary Club and a generous matching gift by an anonymous donor.

The fund is designed to award up to five scholarships annually in the amount of \$1,000. Awards are based on two qualification criteria:

- 1) Demonstrated involvement in community service, and
- 2) Leadership

This criterion is the foundation of Rotary International as captured in the Rotary motto: ***“Service Above Self.”***

ELIGIBILITY

The Rotary Club of Wausau Youth Scholarship Program accepts applications from graduating seniors who attend a public, private, or parochial schools located within the Wausau and D.C. Everest School – or who reside within the boundaries of the Wausau or D.C. Everest School District.

Scholarship awards may be used by the recipient at any accredited, post-secondary educational entity.

APPLICATION CONTENT

Students are asked to complete the online application in a clear and thoughtful manner according to the instructions provided through the website. Completed applications will include the following:

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT FORM

The student will be asked to complete and submit a “Community Service and Leadership Involvement” form, which can be downloaded from the application site. The form will include a list of the student’s **leadership roles** in high school (e.g. clubs, groups, etc.) as well as in other community organizations; and, their roles and volunteer involvement in **community service**, including in school and in the community. The list should note beginning and ending dates of the student’s involvement.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP NARRATIVE

The student will be asked to compose a narrative to describe how their leadership roles in school and in the community, along with their community service involvement in both settings, has prepared them for their future career or vocation. **Please be aware that the quality of this composition will be judged on the success of linking experience to preparation of a future career and will be a significant factor for ranking an applicant’s eligibility for a scholarship award.**

REFERENCE LETTER

Two reference letters must be submitted with this application:

THE FIRST reference letter must be from a community member who is familiar with the applicant’s leadership skills and contributions to the greater Wausau area through community service roles.

THE SECOND may be from another community member OR an individual involved in the student’s school who is familiar with the applicant’s leadership skills and contributions to either the greater Wausau area or the student’s school through community/volunteering service roles.

Without exception, references may NOT be from any family member.

Only one reference letter can be from an individual involved in the student’s current school, including: teachers, counselors, principal, coaches etc.

Failure to meet the letter reference letter criterion will disqualify the student from consideration for a scholarship award.

EDUCATION AND CAREER GOALS NARRATIVE

The student will be asked to compose a narrative to describe their educational field of pursuit and their career goals. **Please be aware that the quality of this composition will be judged on the clarity of the stated goals and will be a factor for ranking an applicant's eligibility for a scholarship award.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

Go to www.wausaurotary.org and click on the "Youth Programs" button on the website menu, and then choose "Scholarships." As you read through the instructions on this website page, you will be directed to apply through the Community Foundation's online application site where you will begin the registration and application process.

After you enter a user email address and password and click on the "Log On" button you will be directed to the registration page. Once you have successfully completed your registration, you can log on to the scholarship application by clicking on the "apply" button in the menu on the left side of page. Scroll down the list of scholarships available and click on the Rotary Club of Wausau Youth Scholarship listing. You will be directed to the scholarship application form and you will be asked to provide the information outlined above.

Three documents will need to be completed and **uploaded** into the online application:

- "Community Service and Leadership Involvement" form (download form from online application)
- Two reference letters (as outlined above – no family members accepted)

DEADLINE

Completed applications must be submitted electronically by 5 p.m. on **February 15** to be considered by the Selection Committee.

The Community Foundation will closely monitor the selection process. Members of the immediate families of any of the Selection Committee members shall be eligible to apply with the provision that the related member not serve on the committee during the year in which the application is considered.

Information will be held in the confidence of the Scholarship Selection Committee, the Wausau Rotary Club, the Community Foundation's board of directors, and its staff.

ANNOUNCEMENT, NOTIFICATION, AND PAYMENT

Recipients will be announced at their senior awards ceremony by a member of the Wausau Rotary Club. The Community Foundation will send a confirmation to the students after the award ceremonies informing them how to initiate the scholarship payment. Payment of the scholarship will be sent directly to the college or university the student plans to attend, after the student has provided proof of registration to the Community Foundation office.

If you have any questions regarding the Rotary Club of Wausau Youth Scholarship, you can contact: Sue Nelson, Program Officer at the Community Foundation office (sue@cfoncw.org o/ 715.845.9555).

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