



Rotary Club of Redding & Rotary Club of Redding Charitable Foundation
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION & INSTRUCTIONS 2025/2026

Attachments — Should be submitted organized in numerical order (see list below) and with the appropriate number and your last name marked with a heavy blank ink pen in the top right hand corner of each page.

1. A copy of high school transcript
2. Three letters of recommendation from counselor and/or teachers
3. Essay (500 – 900 words) that relates to the **Guiding Principles of Rotary** or the **“Four-Way Test”**
4. Financial Response essay (300 words or less) that explains the financial impact of a scholarship award in the amount of \$500 - \$5,000 in assisting the applicant to attend and complete her or his educational goals.

Incomplete Applications Will Not Be Accepted. Applications Must Be Received by 03/02/26.

Applications should be sent to the appropriate coordinator via email to ensure completion of the package prior to submission. **All applications are to be scanned and submitted to Scholarships@ReddingRotary.org with a cc: email copy to your designated Rotary Scholarship Counselor (see below list) by end of day on March 2nd, 2026 with all attachments and documentation requested in pdf format.** Scholarships are eligible for trade schools, colleges, or universities. See counselor for submittal instructions. Each applicant must complete this application and submit it to her or his school coordinator.

Shasta High School

Heather Van Slyke, SHS Scholarship Coordinator
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Redding, CA 96001
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University Preparatory School

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Pioneer High School

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Nick Webb (Gateway)
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Scholarship Payments/Requirements

If a scholarship is awarded, payment of the scholarship will require additional documentation verifying the applicant maintained a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA as of June 2026, has performed at least 10 hours of community service work of the recipients choosing, and proof of enrollment from trade school, college or university. All documentation is due by October 31st following the award presentation.

Example:

The scholarship is awarded at a Rotary Luncheon presentation on April 23, 2026. All documentation is due to the Rotary Scholarship team by October 31, 2026 or sooner and all funds are to be disbursed by November 30, 2026 or earlier.



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025/2026

SECTION A - PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Current School:

- Shasta High School
- Pioneer
- University Preparatory School

Contact Information (Required):

Physical Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Birthdate (m/d/y):	Email:		
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:		

SECTION B—ACADEMIC INFORMATION

High School:	Number of years attended at this school:
Cumulative High School Grade Point Average (GPA, unweighted)*:	
<i>If you have attended this school less than 3 years, please list your other high schools below.</i>	
High School:	Number of years attended at this school:
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High School:	Number of years attended at this school:

Counselor Signature: _____

***Counselor signature required to verify GPA**

Attach a copy of your transcript market as “Attachment 1”



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Attach three letters of recommendation marked as “Attachment 2”



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SECTION C – FOUR WAY TEST ESSAY

Rotary was created in 1905 and today has grown to more than 2,000 clubs and an estimated 1.2 million members around the world. Rotarians are your neighbors, friends, and community leaders who have come together to create positive, lasting change in our local communities and around the world. The [Guiding Principles](#) of Rotary embrace its motto, “Service Above Self”.

In 1932, Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor created “[The Four-Way Test](#).” The Four-Way Test acts as a guiding set of ethical principles for every Rotarian. Of the things Rotarians think, say or do every day, they are to ask themselves these 4 questions:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Describe a significant experience, achievement, or challenge where you have applied Rotary’s motto of “Service Above Self” or Rotary’s guiding principles of “The Four-Way Test.” Talk about any internal struggles or tough decisions you had to make. What impact did this experience, achievement or challenge have on you or others around you? For example, think of a time when you have put other’s needs ahead of your own, when you have put yourself in a situation to be a helper and a teacher for the betterment of others.

The essay should be 500 – 900 words in length, set in Times New Roman size 12 font. It should be marked as “**Attachment 3**”.



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SECTION D - COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Describe up to three of the major community service activities in which you have participated during the past four years. Choose the ones that have had the greatest impact on you. Be specific as to your reasons for participating in these activities and indicate your level and length of participation. Feel free to attach additional explanation.

Community Service Activity	Reason for Participating / Impact on You	Length of Participation, Hours



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SECTION E - SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

List major school activities in which you have participated during the past four years, including any offices you have held (For example: school clubs, student government, yearbook, sports, band, choir, volunteer work, etc.).

**S-senior, J-junior, S-sophomore, F-freshman. Attach additional pages if you need more space.*

Activity	Year of Participation (i.e. 2025)	Leadership Positions / Awards / Honors

SECTION F-WORK EXPERIENCE

Describe any work or intern experiences during the past four years. Add additional pages if needed.

Employer	Position	Hrs. / Wk.	Length of Employment	
			From	To



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SECTION G-FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Please list all requested financial aid you have applied for and the amount you have been awarded (if known). If your application is still pending, please notate “Pending” and the amount applied for.

Name of Financial Aid Application <i>Name of loan, scholarship, grant, etc.</i>	Amount Requested	Financial Aid Approved? <i>Yes / No / Pending</i>

FINANCIAL AID ESSAY RESPONSE:

If you were awarded \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500 or \$5,000, what impact would these amounts have on your ability to attain your higher education goals? Example would money go for books, tuition, laptop, living expenses etc.? (NOTE: Currently the average Rotary scholarship is \$1,000 per student.)

The response should be no more than 300 words in length and set in Times New Roman size 12 font. It should be marked as “Attachment 4”.

SECTION H-COLLEGE INFORMATION

Field of Study:	
Length of schooling required for certificate / degree:	

Please list all colleges to which you have applied (in order of preference).

Name of Educational Institution <i>(i.e. CSU Chico)</i>	Cost of Yearly Tuition	Acceptance Letter Received? <i>Yes/No</i>



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SECTION I – FAMILY & ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Father's Name		Occupation	
Mother's Name		Occupation	
# of Children in your family		# of siblings in college next year	
Who will be supporting you financially while attending college: <input type="checkbox"/> Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Self			
Please select the box that matches the average annual income for the person(s) who will be supporting you financially while attending college (as indicated above):			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$80,000			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$80,001 - \$100,000			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$130,000			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$130,001 +			

For the following four questions indicate "Yes" or "No"	Yes / No
1. Has any member of your immediate family attended a college or university?	
2. Has any member of your immediate family received a college degree?	
3. Has any member of your immediate family agreed to help financially or in some way with your education or living expenses?	
<i>If you answered, "yes" to the above, explain:</i>	



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4. Do you plan to obtain paid employment while attending college?	
<i>If you answered, "yes" to the above, explain the type of employment and how much monthly income you hope to generate:</i>	

NOTE: All financial information submitted is kept confidential.



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SECTION J - CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information provided on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student Name (Print)		Date:
Student Signature		
Parent or Guardian Name (<i>if applicable</i>)		Date:
Parent/Guardian Signature		