



## **Brandon Rotary Club Charity Fund** **Annual Scholarship Application**

Deadline: April 1, 2025

To All Greater Brandon Area High School Students:

The Rotary Club of Brandon has established the Brandon Rotary Club Charity Fund Annual Scholarship Fund for the benefit of students that live in or attend a high school in the Brandon Area. There will be multiple scholarships available.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- Candidate's parents or guardian must be a resident of the Brandon area as defined by the geographic area identified by the area bounded by the Fish Hawk subdivision to the south, Interstate 4 to the north, Turkey Creek Road to the East, and US Highway 301 to the West.
- Candidate must be a current graduating high school senior
- Candidate must have cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher, proof provided with application
- Provide a documented listing of service hours verified by high school administrator
- Candidate must be accepted to a 2 or 4-year accredited college or university, proof provided with application

### **Selection Criteria**

Rotary is built on SERVICE. Therefore, the selection process is heavily weighted towards the student's service in school and the community. The following is a breakdown of the consideration and weight given on a point system:

1. Service in School	0-5 Points
2. Service in Community	0-5 Points
3. Statement by Student	0-5 Points
4. Recommendation by Community Service Organization	0-3 Points
5. GPA weighted and unweighted added together	0-5 Points

(Optional) For consideration for the **Sharon S. Sellers Memorial Scholarship** please include the additional section in the application below.



A committee of at least 5 individuals will review each application and make all final selections. The committee may include a high school counselor/teacher, President or Vice President of Brandon Rotary Club, Chairman of the Brandon Rotary Club Charity Fund and additional Rotarians that are members of the Brandon Rotary Charity Fund Board of Directors.

### **Include the Following**

- Completed Application
- Verified Community Service Time Sheet
- Official Transcript and Discipline Record
- Proof of Acceptance from a 2- or 4-year accredited college
- Letter of Recommendation from Community Service Organization

### **Submission Requirements**

- All applications are due April 1, 2025, no later than 5pm. No late submissions will be accepted.
- Applicant Information (below) included.
- Outline for application is included below. All applications must follow the outline included.
- All submissions must be in .pdf format and must include all required supporting documentation.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- All applications must be submitted to [brccf.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:brccf.scholarship@gmail.com).
- Paper applications will not be accepted.

### **Fund Distribution**

All scholarship recipients will receive notification from the Brandon Rotary Club Charity Fund. A scholarship award presentation will take place at the Rivard Simmons Rotary Event Center in Brandon at a later date and time. All funds will be paid directly to the **financial aid department** of the recipients' college or university.



## Application Outline

### Applicant Information

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Cumulative Weighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative UNWEIGHTED GPA \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Service Hours Verified \_\_\_\_\_  
College or University \_\_\_\_\_

#### **I. High School Community Service Information**

- a. List community service or academic distinctions and/or honors since 9th grade.
- b. List school related extracurricular community service activities and leadership positions held.
- c. List any extracurricular community service activities and leadership positions held, OUTSIDE of school related activities.

#### **II. Student Statement**

- a. Please write a brief statement describing your future plans, interests, philosophy, obstacles you have overcome, influences, or describe how one of your service activities may have changed your life: (300 words max)

#### **III. (Optional) Sharon S. Sellers Memorial Scholarship**

- a. For consideration for the Sharon S. Sellers Memorial scholarship, please include a statement explaining how you will use the funds received through this scholarship to give back to your community, as well as, to your country. (300 words max)

#### **IV. Community Service Experience**

- a. Please include information about your community service experience. Add additional pages for each additional activity following the same format. Please use a separate page for each activity you include. (300 words max)
- b. Outline
  - i. Activity
  - ii. Dates Involved
  - iii. Total Number of Hours
  - iv. Why did you decide to become involved in this activity?
  - v. How did you show leadership in this activity and what would you keep or change in your actions the next time you volunteer in this activity?
  - vi. What awards or recognition did you receive for your involvement in this activity?