



## Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarship Education Scholarship

Rotary District 6910 is pleased to announce a new opportunity for District Clubs!

### The Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarships

These **needs-based** scholarships will provide funds to eligible individuals for study at a Georgia public institution of higher learning, including colleges, universities, and technical colleges, who are nominated by District 6910 Clubs. We ask for your assistance in identifying and sponsoring eligible students.

Note: This scholarship program is not to be confused with, and is separate from, the Global Grants Scholarship Program that is also sponsored by Rotary District 6910 and The Rotary Foundation.

The purpose of the District Education Scholarship is to forge a link between Rotary and the development of skilled professionals aligned with one of the Rotary Foundation's seven areas of focus.

Please review the attached Guidelines which include:

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What a perfect way to encourage and build relationships with a new generation of talent and to build strong relationships with local universities, colleges, businesses, and other organizations in our communities that represent excellent sources for qualified candidates.

On behalf of the Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarship Committee, we invite your Club's participation in our search for qualified candidates. We hope that you will take time to talk with Club members and others in your community to identify students who need a helping hand while seeking higher education.

Please call us if you have questions or if we can assist you in any way.

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## **Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarship Guidelines**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of the Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarship is to forge a link between Rotary and the development of skilled professionals aligned with one of the Rotary Foundation's seven areas of focus. Rotary District 6910 is prepared to award District Education Scholarships to qualified applicants beginning with an award of \$2,000 per student, per semester for two semesters. Thereafter, the student may reapply for additional semesters for a total award not to exceed \$16,000.00 per student.

We seek to identify candidates who:

- Possess excellent leadership skills and potential,
- Have demonstrated a personal commitment to community service,
- Have well-defined and realistic goals,
- Have concrete ideas as to how to make academic advances within career field, and ● Are sincere about maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary.

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### **ROTARY CLUBS' DISTRICT 6910 ELIGIBILITY**

A District 6910 Rotary Club must be a Foundation-Qualified Club to recommend an applicant for the District Scholarship. This is the same process as for Clubs to qualify for a District Grant. If the Club is qualified and has signed the District Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) no further action is needed.

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS**

District Scholarship applicants must be individuals who plan to study, or are currently studying, at a Georgia public institution of higher learning, including colleges, universities, and technical colleges, for one or more years and pursuing a career in one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus:

- Peace Building and Conflict Prevention,
- Disease Prevention and Treatment,
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene,
- Maternal and Child Health,
- Basic Education and Literacy,

- Community Economic Development, and
- Supporting the Environment.

It is important to ensure that candidates are aware of The Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus and are clear as to how they will pursue their studies and future professional endeavors with the areas and goals in mind.

Specific eligibility requirements and conditions for District Scholarships include:

- Rising high school seniors and current postsecondary institution undergraduates must have a primary residence in District 6910 and be recommended by a District 6910 Rotary Club.
- Applicants must have high ethical standards demonstrated in their personal and academic lives.
- Scholarships are needs-based for two semesters with the option to reapply.
- Applicants must apply to, and be accepted by, a Georgia public institution of higher learning, including colleges, universities, and technical colleges.
- Applicants must provide a copy of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student) [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).
- Scholarship funds will be used only for tuition, housing package, books, and other required academic supplies. The award will be up to \$2,000 per student, per semester for two semesters. Thereafter, the student may reapply for additional semesters for a total award not to exceed \$16,000.00 per student.
- Scholarship funds will be deposited only into the recipients' institution account.
- Recipients must maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) or above in all courses and send the End-of-Semester Report including end-of-course grades to the District Scholarship Committee.
- If the recipient fails to maintain a 2.5 GPA at the end of the first scholarship-funded semester, the recipient will be on "probation" for the second scholarship-funded semester. If the recipient fails to maintain a 2.5 GPA at the end of the second scholarship-funded semester, the recipient may not apply for continued funding.
- Per semester, recipients must attend at least one meeting of the Rotary Club that sponsored them or a Rotary Club in their locale.
- Rotarians, honorary Rotarians, and employees of the District, other Rotary entities, or Rotary International and their lineal descendants (children or grandchildren by blood, legal adoption, or marriage without adoption) may not apply for District Scholarships. Additionally, parents, grandparents, brothers, and sisters of Rotarians are ineligible for the scholarship. Rotaractors in District 6910 are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must complete and submit the District Education Grants Scholarship Application found at [www.rotarydistrict6910.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6910.org) under the Rotary District 6910 Scholarship tab.

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS**

Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarship Application Process will follow a Four-Step Process:

Step 1: Applicants must complete the District Education Scholarship Application and all its requirements. Applicants must provide proof of acceptance in a Georgia public institution of higher learning. (Admission that requires a guarantee of financial support is acceptable). Additionally,

applicants must provide proof of residence in District 6910 and submit official high school and/or institution of higher learning transcripts. All requirements must be submitted to the Sponsoring Rotary Club for review.

Step 2: The nominating Rotary Club must review the application and other required information. Once approved, the Club will interview the applicant to verify, he or she is in keeping with Rotary District Education Scholarships goals, objectives, and eligibility requirements. If the applicant is determined to be in keeping with Rotary's goals, objectives, and eligibility requirements, then the Club shall forward the application and other required information to the District Scholarship Committee for review.

Step 3: After the application is verified by the District Education Scholarship Committee, the applicant will be interviewed virtually or in person by the District Education Scholarship Selection Team. **Within a week** after the interview, the applicant and Sponsoring Club will be notified whether the applicant will receive the scholarship.

Step 4: If the applicant is approved, at the appropriate time funds will be transferred to the student's account established at the institution of higher learning.

## **TIMELINES FOR SELECTING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2024**

**Note: The Timelines below are subject to change. Information can be found on the District 6910 website and DACdb. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.**

**November – March** - Clubs promote and/or advertise the District Education Scholarship opportunities and develop a committee for accepting and reviewing applications and interviewing applicants according to District Education Scholarship Guidelines. Clubs will submit the applications they approve to the District Education Scholarship Committee.

**March** - The deadline for receipt of approved applications from nominating Clubs to the District Scholarship Committee.

**March** – Applicants will be notified whether they will be selected for interviews, and the interviews will be scheduled virtually or in person at a time mutually agreed upon.

**Early April** - Applicants and Sponsoring Clubs will be notified whether the applicant will receive a scholarship.

**At the End of Each Semester** – Applicants complete the End-of-Semester Report and forward to the District Education Scholarship Committee.

**Ongoing** – Applications approved by Clubs' will be accepted after March 15<sup>th</sup>, and the process will continue for future scholarship funding.

## **SPONSORING A DISTRICT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

To become a District Education Scholarship sponsoring Rotary Club:

- Discuss the opportunity with your Club President and Board.
- Promote the opportunity within your area through a variety of media and/or at institutions of higher learning in your area.
- Appoint a Club Scholarship Committee to:
  - Promote scholarships,
  - Accept and review applications and other requirements,
  - Interview applicants, and
  - Submit approved applications to the District Education Scholarship Committee.
- Appoint one or more Club members to serve as Sponsor(s) for the student, to be available to assist the student, including but not limited to:
  - Completing the application and other eligibility requirements and
  - Assisting with the End-of-Semester Report as required by District.

### **Roles & Responsibilities of a Sponsoring Club**

The roles and responsibilities of a sponsoring Club follow.

- Sponsoring Clubs must:
  - Receive and review applications.
  - Ascertain that the primary residence of the applicant is in District 6910.
  - Interview the applicant, if the application is approved by the Club,
  - Ascertain that the applicant fully understands the goals, objectives, and eligibility criteria of the District Education Scholarship and develops an understanding of Rotary.
  - Approve and recommend the applicant before sending the application to the District Scholarship Committee.
- If the applicant is approved by the District Scholarship Committee, the Sponsoring Club will develop an ongoing relationship with the student and serve as an ongoing source of support and education about Rotary during the student's scholarship and beyond.
- The Sponsoring Club will invite the student to be a guest at Club meetings, service activities, and social events.
- During the student's year(s) of study, it is important for the Club to maintain contact with the student through various media. This is an excellent way to convey the Club's support for the student while giving Club members the opportunity to see their contributions making a difference in a student's life.
- Clubs are encouraged to invite the student to make a presentation at a Club meeting and to assist with scheduling presentations for other Clubs and/or District events. Clubs should encourage the student to attend District Conferences

### **CONCLUSION**

The Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarship has the potential to significantly impact deserving young people, individual Rotary Clubs, District 6910, and the world beyond by supporting those who would not otherwise have the resources to prepare for service in one of Rotary's Seven Areas of

Focus. It is anticipated that individual Rotary Clubs and the District will build long-term relationships with scholarship recipients and, over time, document their service contributions. These contributions will be recognized and celebrated!