

## About Rotary



Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on February 23, 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships.

Rotary, the world's first and most international service club, was named "Rotary" because the members met in rotation at their various places of business. Rotary has grown to more than 46,000 clubs with 1.4 million members in over 200 countries and geographical areas.

Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service. Members have a long track record of addressing challenges in their communities and around the world.

The Rotary motto "**Service Above Self**" conveys the humanitarian spirit of the organization's members. Strong fellowship among Rotarians and meaningful community and international service projects characterize Rotary worldwide.

## Our Mission

The mission of the Rotary Club of Scott County is to foster programs that provide for the emotional, academic, and physical well-being of developing children in a way that will motivate them as adults to promote service above self. As a service organization, the Rotary Club of Scott County exists to improve the quality of life in our community, our country, our world.



## Service Above Self



*For High School Juniors*

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# Rotary

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# Essay title: "Service Above Self"



## Rules

- The contestant must be a junior in a public, private, or home school and a Scott County resident or enrolled in a Scott County school.
- The essay must be from 300 to 500 words (1 to 2 pages).
- Quotes may be used to support ideas if properly referenced.
- The essay must be typed in 12-point font and double-spaced using 1-inch margins.
- Submit the **Entry Form**, the **Essay**, and **Photo Release** by the due date.
- The essay must be the work of the student only.

### *Some things to think about:*

- What does "Service Above Self" mean to you?
- How can we use this motto to guide our decisions?
- How do you feel lives are changed through service?
- What would the world be like if everybody followed this motto?
- How does "Service Above Self" relate to your life experience and/or society in general?



### Awards

**FIRST PLACE: \$1000**

**SECOND PLACE: \$700**

**THIRD PLACE: \$500**

## Deadline to Apply

The Essay contest begins October 1, 2022.

Essays must be received by

**October 31, 2022.**

Email entries to:

**ScottCountyRotary@gmail.com**

Winners announced in December 2022.

**Essays will be judged by a committee of local Rotarians and representative(s) from the community.**

## Entry Forms

are available on the

Rotary Club website: [scottcountyrotoary.org](http://scottcountyrotoary.org)

Scott County Public Schools website: [scottschools.com](http://scottschools.com)

## Judging Criteria

- **Originality (30 points):** Be original. Use your own thoughts, ideas, or experiences to describe "Service Above Self". Create human interest appeal.
- **Development of Theme (45 points):** Capture the reader's attention and establish the major theme of the essay. Support and explain ideas in a clear logical order with smooth transitions. In conclusion, emphasize the major theme in the essay leaving the reader with a clear, concise message or point of application.
- **Mechanics and Neatness (25 points):** Follow the rules. Check spelling, grammar, punctuation, choice of words, clarity, and expression.