

WHITE SALMON/BINGEN ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

1. **Background Information:**

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

Second: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Third: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.

Fourth: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

2. **Application Requirements:**

Applications should be orderly and concise. Elaborate presentations are not necessary, however, careless presentation will definitely handicap the applicant. The application should be bound and be no more than 15 pages long (one side only) including exhibits, letters and application form. Exhibits evidencing notable achievements, in leadership community service, and other school activities etc., may be attached. (Note: such attachments should be reproductions of originals. Applications become the property of the White Salmon/Bingen Rotary scholarship committee and will not be returned to the applicant). Applications must be submitted to your school's main office by the date specified by the school when scholarship applications are due.

3. **Eligibility:**

Graduating seniors of Columbia High School, White Salmon, who are planning full-time attendance at an accredited college, university or trade school, pursuing a degree relating to the above listed objectives of the Rotary Club, may apply.

4. **The Award:**

The scholarship is a grant of \$500.00 to be applied to cost of tuition, room and board, fees or books and material incurred as part of one's formal education. It will be in the form of a direct reimbursement to the individual's accredited college, university or trade school. The award must be used following the year of high school graduation. The recipient will be announced during Scholarship Recognition Night prior to graduation.

5. **Exhibits:**

Applications for the White Salmon/Bingen Rotary Scholarship must include the following:

- A statement prepared by the applicant of not more than 300 words. It should summarize community service, school and out of school accomplishments, educational objectives and goals and why you wish to pursue them, and the reasons you believe you are qualified for and should receive the scholarship award.
- An official school transcript.
- Three letters of recommendation concerning the character, leadership, ability and purposefulness of the applicant; one letter from a high school principal or teacher, one from a community leader or employer, and one from an unrelated adult friend. Each letter should be only one page in length.
- The fully completed scholarship application form (attached).
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6. **Selection Criteria:**

Selection by the White Salmon/Bingen Rotary scholarship committee will be based upon leadership potential, community involvement, school involvement, character, and academic achievements.

7. **Disbursement of Funds:**

A check will be made to the accredited college, university or trade school at the required time, not to the recipient, to be applied toward tuition, room and board, fees or books or materials for the first year of school. **

8. **Refunds:**

If for some reason the student withdraws or is unable to complete the first year of school, the unused portion shall be returned to the Rotary Scholarship fund.

**The following letter shall accompany the check sent to the school: "If for some reason the student withdraws or is unable to complete the first year (or semester), for which funds have been paid by the Rotary Scholarship Fund, any refunds shall be returned to the White Salmon/Bingen Rotary Scholarship Fund".

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(Attach additional pages if required)

1. Applicant's Name _____ Age _____
2. Home Address _____
3. Telephone _____ SSN _____ GPA _____
4. Parent/Guardian's Names _____
5. High School _____
6. Name of college/university(ies) to which you have been accepted for enrollment:

7. Planned career or major area of study _____
8. Honors and Awards (state year and nature of honor or award):

Scholastic _____

Extra-Curricular (school related) _____

Civic (non-school related) _____

9. Offices and positions of leadership (state names of organization, position, year):

Scholastic _____

Extra-Curricular (school related) _____

Civic (non-school related): _____

10. Participation in activities where no office was held (state name of organization and year—state only major activities):

Scholastic _____

Extra-Curricular (school related) _____

Civic (non-school related) _____

11. Work experience (jobs held, business names, dates, names of supervisors):

Date

Signature of Applicant