

**REGARDING:** Waterville Rotary Club Scholarship Rules - 2025

**PURPOSE:** The scholarship shall be awarded for the purpose of helping to defray the cost of tuition, room and board, and books in the attendance at an accredited college or university. The scholarship may be used for no other purpose.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any graduating senior attending high school and living within the Waterville, Ohio Rotary Club district is eligible to apply. Students from Anthony Wayne High School, Otsego High School, any area Parochial High School, students at Anthony Wayne High School participating in the STRIVE program as well as home schooled students may apply by submitting an application to the Waterville Rotary Scholarship program. Children of members of Rotary International are not eligible to apply for the scholarship.

**AMOUNT:** The total number of Waterville Rotary Scholarships will be determined in each individual school year. Rotary Scholarships will be in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) and one thousand dollars (\$1000) to students in the STRIVE program at Anthony Wayne High School. These scholarships are an out-right grant for the purposes stated above.

**FREQUENCY OF AWARD:** The scholarship shall be awarded each calendar year.

**SCORING OF THE APPLICATIONS:** Each scholarship committee member shall review and score the individual applications based on the following criteria:

- A Scholastic Achievement (25%)  
A copy of the students High School Transcript is to be included with the submitted application form. Consideration shall be given to grade point average, college board or American College Test scores, course or subject preparation for college and/or specific demonstrated talent (example: art, music, etc..) which may not be reflected in academic measurements.
- B School and Community Activity Participation (20%)  
Consideration shall include organizations, clubs, teams, etc. in which the applicant had been an officer and/or an active participant. The purpose is to determine the breath of one's social growth and leadership potential.
- C Need (20%)  
Consideration shall be given for parental ability and willingness to support the financial expense of attending college. The award of other scholarships and financial aid to the applicant shall also be considered.

D Economic Initiative (20%)  
The applicant's personal initiative to work and set aside earnings for the purpose of attending college shall be given favorable consideration.

E Student Essay (15%)

Rotary International is a worldwide service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to **advance goodwill and peace to their community, their nation and around the world.** Service is the foundation of our Rotary club and to that end Rotary has adopted the motto of "SERVICE ABOVE SELF".

Each scholarship application is to include an essay written by the applicant stating in 300 words or less, their interpretation of the motto "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" and how this motto will influence their future lives in service.

#### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

Based upon the above criteria, the eligible application forms shall be reviewed and individual students shall be chosen by the Scholarship Committee members as designated by the Rotary Club of Waterville. The decision of the committee shall be final.

#### **TIME SCHEDULE:**

**February 17, 2025**-Applications will be available through the school counselors or at [www.watervilleohiorotary.org](http://www.watervilleohiorotary.org).

**March 31, 2025** - All applications must be completed and returned to

***Scholarship Committee Chair: Diana Waugh, at  
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**May 5, 2025** - Presentation of Scholarship awards