



## **The Elyria Rotary Club Scholarship Class of 2023 Application**

The Elyria Rotary Club is proud to announce the availability of the Elyria Rotary Club Scholarship. This privately funded scholarship will reward a local student who is **actively involved in community service** and has shown success in his or her academic endeavors. The Scholarship has a total value of \$20,000, payable up to \$5,000 per year tuition at a baccalaureate institution. In some years, additional one-time smaller scholarships may also be rewarded.

The Scholarship is open to graduating seniors from any of the five high schools in the Elyria area with which the Elyria Rotary Club has had a long term relationship, including **(1) Elyria High School, (2) Elyria Catholic High School, (3) Midview High School, (4) Open Door Christian Schools, and (5) First Baptist Christian School of Elyria**. The applicant will need to have applied for and intend to attend a baccalaureate institution on a full-time basis for a 4-year degree beginning in the fall of 2023. The scholarship money will be paid directly to the recipient's educational institution. To be considered for the Elyria Rotary Club Scholarship, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- ◆ Be a graduating senior from one of the above identified schools;
- ◆ Possess a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average, through the last grading period;
- ◆ Have been accepted or applied for acceptance to a baccalaureate institution;
- ◆ Enroll full-time at the institution in the fall of 2023;
- ◆ Maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and remain in good-standing at the institution;
- ◆ **Be actively involved in community service, volunteerism, and extra curricular activities;**
- ◆ Submit two letters of recommendation, using the attached forms, from community service/volunteer organization representatives or from teachers, advisors, community members or Rotarians who know the applicant well;
- ◆ FAFSA report has been filed;
- ◆ Provide additional information and documents as called for in the written application;

Selection of the recipient of the Elyria Rotary Club Scholarship will be made by the representatives of the Club's Grants, Scholarship & Endowment Committee in mid-May, 2023. Selection will be based on the applicant's completion of the application and will focus on the student's involvement in community service activities. The applicant selected for this award may be invited to an Elyria Rotary Club meeting for recognition and acceptance of the scholarship award.

**To apply for this award, the application and all required documents must be received by  
April 21, 2023**

**Return your completed application and two letters of recommendation to:**

**Elyria Rotary Club  
Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 627  
Elyria, OH 44036**

**Applications can also be dropped off at Buckeye Community Bank located at 105 Sheffield Center, Lorain. You can use the teller drive-thru window or night deposit box.**

**If you have any questions or need further information, please go to the Club's website [www.elyriarotary.com](http://www.elyriarotary.com), under newsletters and forms, or email [Scholarship@ElyriaRotary.com](mailto:Scholarship@ElyriaRotary.com).**



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ EFC: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City County State Zip

Telephone No.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ High School graduating from? \_\_\_\_\_

Intended College & Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Cost of Tuition, Room and Board of Anticipated College: \_\_\_\_\_

List each scholarship or grant you have **applied** for (including value):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List each scholarship or grant you have **received** (including value):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Description of all community service activities, volunteerism, extra-curricular activities, and work you are or have been involved with over the past 4 years. <i>**Use this format on separate sheet of paper.</i>	Name of Organization	Date(s) of Involvement	Hours involved per year	Is Activity Work or School Related? Yes or No

**Please complete your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.**

1. Why do you feel volunteerism is important and what effect does it have on you?
2. What are your educational goals and how will this scholarship help you achieve them?
3. Have you had any past connection with, or been influenced by, Rotary or a Rotarian? If so, describe the connection or influence.

### Check list:

- \*\*Attach a certified copy of your high school transcript, through the first semester of senior year.
- \*\*Attach a copy of the **award page** from your FAFSA report specifying the Expected Family contribution ("EFC").
- \*\*Do not staple your application.
- \*\*Do not fold the application, mail it back in an envelope large enough so folding is not necessary.
- \*\*Keep all pages SINGLE-SIDED.**
- \*\*Typed applications are preferred; however, if not typed, please write legibly.

I certify that I have been accepted or applied to a baccalaureate institution and intend to enroll as a full-time student in the fall of 2023. I further certify that all information on this form and provided to the Elyria Rotary Club is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If selected, I give permission to the Elyria Rotary Club to release information about me, relating to my academic record and intentions, to publicize the Scholarship. I also give further permission to the Elyria Rotary Club to obtain information from my institution to confirm that I remain eligible for the Scholarship.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

**DEADLINE – April 21, 2023**



## **ELYRIA ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS**

The following information is provided to assist parents whose sons and daughters are considering applying for the Elyria Rotary Club Scholarship. Because this information is general in nature, it may assist parents and students in applying for other scholarships, as well.

1. Encourage your son or daughter to apply. It is often rumored that a great deal of scholarship money goes unrewarded. Although that really *isn't* true, what is true is that students sometimes underestimate their chances of success and hesitate to apply for scholarships. Your persuasion may be just what is needed to get the application process underway.
2. Girls are awarded more scholarships than boys. Why? Far fewer boys apply. Whether it's because boys are less comfortable writing about their activities and interests, or because boys conclude before beginning the process that they won't succeed, or because of other reasons, the pool of male applicants for scholarships is small. If you have a son, you may find it takes extra effort to convince him to apply. If you have a daughter, she may find an extra advantage in the smaller applicant pool, since there may not be as many male applicants as she expects. In either case, it's worth applying. The results might be surprising.
3. File your federal income tax return now. Most parents don't realize how important this step is in procuring scholarship funding for college. Much of the information required in applying for college financial aid is taken from your federal income tax return forms.
4. Submit the FAFSA as early as possible. The FAFSA, or Free Application For Federal Student Aid, is the *key* to college financial aid. The FAFSA will require much of the information from your federal income tax forms. Completing and submitting the FAFSA early is important because some colleges award funds more generously to early applicants than they do to those students of similar circumstance who apply later. This is definitely one instance in which you want to be at the front of the line. Colleges won't allocate *any* money for your son or daughter, however, until he or she has submitted the FAFSA.
5. FAFSA and the college financial aid process. The FAFSA is a multi-page form available in all high school guidance offices. It is also available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). If you complete the FAFSA online, in order to submit it, in lieu of signature, you must utilize a PIN number, which is also able to be obtained through the online process, but which is a separate step. Regardless of which method you choose for applying, do so as early as possible. Much of the financial information requested can be taken directly from your federal income tax return forms. Once the FAFSA is submitted, you will receive a report which will identify an amount labeled "Expected Family Contribution" ("EFC"). This figure represents the amount which, according to your FAFSA information, the family is "expected" to be able to contribute toward

the cost of your son's or daughter's education during that scholastic year. This same figure will be transmitted to all of the schools which your son or daughter lists on the FAFSA as those to which he or she intends to apply.

Colleges and universities use the EFC figure in determining how much financial aid to provide to a student. No student can receive financial aid without the EFC having been determined. In addition, many private scholarships, including the Elyria Rotary Club Scholarship, require the EFC to be reported on the application. Private scholarships usually have application deadlines, so, for both the private scholarships and the college and university financial aid award process, submitting the FAFSA early improves your chances of receiving a scholarship or award.

6. Double-check for accuracy. While filing the FAFSA early is important, making sure that the information submitted is accurate and complete is equally important. If the information is incomplete, or inaccurate, the FAFSA will be rejected or returned. The FAFSA will then remain unprocessed until complete or corrected information is supplied, all of which will delay receipt of the information you and the colleges and universities need to determine financial aid awards. You lose the value of having applied early if the information you submit early is not complete and correct.

7. Make sure that all reference letters are submitted on time. For the Elyria Rotary Scholarship, all letters of reference are to be returned, in **SEALED** envelopes, along with the completed application. Once your son or daughter has selected two references and asked those people to write letters of reference, you should follow up with those reference providers. You may have to contact them more than once. This follow-up is extremely important because, if both of the required letters of reference are not included in the student's application by the deadline (**April 21 2023**) your son's or daughter's application will be disqualified from consideration. Make sure that the persons your son or daughter requested to write these letters have completed them and returned them to your son or daughter in sufficient time to reach the Committee before the application deadline. Please know that letters of recommendation can also be emailed directly to [Scholarship@ElyriaRotary.com](mailto:Scholarship@ElyriaRotary.com). The potential loss of a \$20,000 scholarship makes this a truly important item worthy of diligent follow-up. **NOTE: Reference letters written by the applicant's parents or by others related to the applicant will not be considered.**

8. Please refrain from contacting Committee members. The Scholarship Committee spends a great deal of time carefully reviewing each application. If the Committee finds that it needs additional information from an applicant, a Committee member will contact your son or daughter. After the Committee has chosen a recipient, all applicants will receive written notices regarding their applications. Please do not call or otherwise contact Committee members to check on the status of your son's or daughter's application. The Committee is committed to making its decision by mid-May 2023.

9. Don't dread all this. It's not as bad as it sounds. The worst part of this process is having to get it all done early. Once your son or daughter receives an award of financial aid, the process will seem to have been time well-spent. Forge ahead and keep your eye on the prize. Good luck!

**APPLICATION RECEIPT DEADLINE: April 21 2023**