

## ***Rotary District 6950 Scholarship Information for Clubs***

### **Scholarship Grant Goal:**

To grant a high-impact scholarship to enable a person to obtain an education (2-year, 4-year, technical, or trade school) that they may not be able to do on their own or with the means at hand. This is not for post-baccalaureate education.

### **Scholarship Grant Terms:**

This grant is a competitive grant, not all applicants will receive funding.

This grant will weight applications based on demonstrated need, program of study, as well as the other information requested in the application.

This grant may be applied to a new enrollment or to allow a student to complete a program already in progress.

This grant may be applied for across multiple and consecutive years by a single candidate. Only one grant per year per candidate will be awarded.

This grant may be applied for by any candidate under the age of 50 at the time of first consecutive award.

Candidates must be sponsored by a Rotary club within District 6950.

Funding for the grant comes from District DDF and club funds

Active Rotarians, their immediate family and lineal descendants are not eligible for consideration.

### **Mechanics:**

- Allocation from District budget: Not less than \$15,000 to a maximum of 30% of District DDF
- Scholarships granted not to exceed \$4000 per scholar selected from District funds, plus the minimum club contribution of \$1500, plus any additional funding a club adds for that scholar
- Applications to be made to District 6950; The District scholarship committee will select candidates and award levels.
- Applications made by 31 March, award notifications in May/June
- Scholarships will be paid directly to the academic institution.
- District scholarship committee of 5 to be selected by District Foundation Chair
- Scholar required to report back periodically to the sponsoring clubs and to maintain a continued connection with Rotary.

### **District 6950 Club Participation:**

- Open to all clubs in good standing
- Clubs will endorse candidates. There is no limit to the number of candidates endorsed, however the club commits a minimum of \$1500 towards the scholarship for each of their

candidates who are selected for a scholarship. More than \$1500 may be contributed per scholar if the club chooses to do so.

- Clubs are required to maintain contact with scholars they sponsor throughout the application process, and long term if scholarship award is made
- Clubs may be asked to participate on District Scholarship committee for candidate selection
- Clubs may be asked to host award presentation at club meeting for endorsed candidate

#### **Timeline for District Grant:**

- December: At SHARE committee meeting, identification of Scholarship committee, District website updated with directions on how to apply for scholarship, Area Reps tasks to spread the word
- 31 March: Deadline for applications
- April: Candidates evaluated, recommended award levels determined and provided for Share Committee
- May Share meeting: Scholar decisions presented to SHARE for approval, budget entry provided for District budget
- July: Rotary Approval of Budget
- August: District grant funding provided to clubs <http://www.rotary6950.org/scholar-grants>

#### **Application Requirements:**

- Completed applications containing all information must be received by mail by application deadline (31 March). Mail to:  
*District 6950 Scholarship Application*  
*c/o Alpha UMi, LLC*  
*PO Box 1985*  
*Tarpon Springs, FL 34688*
- Application must contain
  - Point of contact information for scholar including mailing address, email address and phone number
  - School and program of study, length of program, total cost of program
  - Student Aid Report from FAFSA
  - Proof of age
  - Summary of sources of funding for education, availability of other scholarships
  - Academic standing sent directly from school in attendance or last attended
  - Indication of need (parental or current income, other extenuating circumstances to be considered, other information as deemed needed)
  - Summary of extracurricular activities
  - Volunteer history for past 4 years including emphasis of involvement with Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, or other service organization
  - Work history
  - Proof of acceptance to school of choice
  - 1 page essay (**12 point, 1 inch margins, double spaced**) or shorter essay on why this scholarship should be granted to you

- 2 Recommendation letters (at least 1 from an active Rotarian in District 6950)
- A letter of endorsement from a District 6950 Rotary Club with a commitment to provide matching scholarship funding as required by this grant if you are selected

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**