



**Rotary Club of Aberdeen  
P.O. Box 422  
Aberdeen, MD 21001-0422  
Club# 5852, Chartered June 1950**

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2026**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Open to anyone except Rotary members and their families.** The Rotary Club of Aberdeen Scholarship Committee will determine the recipients after evaluating grade transcripts, essay on **HOW I CAN MAKE MY COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE (200 words or less)**, recommendations of faculty and others, financial need, attendance, and application information. Completed applications must be received by the deadline of **April 1, 2026**. Those applications received after the deadline will be excluded from consideration.

Each applicant's entry is evaluated and scored with points assessed for:

1. Grade Point Average,
2. Community Service Involvement,
3. Employment / Participation in Extracurricular School Activities,
4. 200 word essay (typed, double spaced),
5. Financial Need, *(held confidential)* and
6. Strength of the Recommendation Letters.

*(NOTE: Criteria above are not necessarily in order of importance)*

The scholarship recipients will be invited to the Rotary Club of Aberdeen Scholarship Luncheon Meeting in **May 2026**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Be sure to read and follow the rules very carefully as presented in the following **REQUIREMENTS and REGULATIONS**. Applications that ignore the guidelines or submitted incomplete will be excluded from consideration.

### **REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS**

High School seniors from Aberdeen High School and the SMA are eligible. Applicants from other High Schools, but live in the Aberdeen High School sending district, are also eligible. Incoming first year college students are eligible if not currently a senior.

1. The essay of the scholarship applicant will become the property of the Rotary Club of Aberdeen and may be included in future Rotary publications and/or released for media publication.
2. The Rotary Club of Aberdeen must be provided with proof of admission from the school at which the scholarship is to be applied. Scholarship will be awarded in check form, payable to the designated school for the benefit of the recipient.
3. Financial Need of the applicant and the income of the applicant's family will be considered in the application evaluation as confidential information.
4. The scholarship amount will be announced and is for the purpose of education at Post Secondary schools. (College, undergraduate and graduate studies, Trade or Technical School, etc.)
5. The scholarship award decision of the judges is final.



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**( PLEASE PRINT )** - Complete in full and include all documentation as listed in REQUIREMENTS)

**INTENDED COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAJOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**G.P.A.** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **ST** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Alt phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Current Employer (Name, Address & Phone#)** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. **College Address** \_\_\_\_\_

6. **High School** \_\_\_\_\_ **Graduation date** \_\_\_\_\_  
(include copy of transcripts)

7. **Combined Household income**      **less than \$75,000** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Will remain confidential)      **\$75,000 to \$125,000** \_\_\_\_\_  
   **More than \$125,000** \_\_\_\_\_  
(initial next to appropriate amount)

8. **On a separate sheet, please specify other scholarships & amount received.**

9. **Provide specific information about your participation in community SERVICE activities, extracurricular school or work activities, awards and honors. Include specifics of time spent in these activities, and dates of honors and awards. If you are employed, specify type of work and duties or responsibilities.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of Nominating Teacher/Parent/Guardian

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SIGNATURE of Scholarship Applicant  
ORIGINAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
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