



## 2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Since 1982, The Rotary Club of Plainfield has been honored to provide scholarships to graduating high-school seniors who reside in Plainfield School District #202. We are proud to continue our scholarships in 2020. However, we have expanded our program to also include all students entering the trades, who are currently participating with Wilco. We will be allocating a total of \$5,000 to the most deserving scholarship applicants. Each scholarship will range from \$500-\$1,000. We can't guarantee each school will have a scholarship recipient.

The purpose of the Rotary scholarship is to aid students that are accepted and will be attending a college, university, trade school or trade work experience in their field. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Senior Awards Night.

We feel that our revised process will have a more direct impact on our Plainfield community. We are glad to be able to include all students continuing their secondary education for their future careers or trade work experience in their field.

### **To be considered for this scholarship student must:**

- Reside within School District #202
- Maintain a C+ GPA or better (3.5 on a 5.0 scale) \*verified by guidance counselor
- Convey a financial need for the monies through a short essay
- Promote "Service Above Self" through extra-curricular and volunteer service
- Display motivation and career direction through a short essay

### **Deadline:**

Scholarship essay portion **must be typed** and submitted with application to the Guidance Department/Student Services **no later than Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. In order to be fair to all concerned, applications that are not typed and late submissions cannot be accepted.

We look forward to receiving your application & wish you success in all your dreams & future endeavors!

Sincerely,

*The Rotary Club of Plainfield*



**APPLICANT INFORMATION**  
(you may hand-write this section)

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mother's Name & Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name & Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

School accepted to: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Provide 3 Different References (i.e. teacher, coach, boss, neighbor, etc) with a Reference Letter or Recommendation Form from at least 1 faculty member.**

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures:**

*I certify that the information provided on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that if I am chosen as a scholarship recipient, I will use the funds only for expenses related to my. If my plans change, I promise to return the funds to the Rotary Club of Plainfield (PO Box 168, Plainfield, IL 60544)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Applicant's Signature & Date)**

*I verify that this student has earned a minimum C+ GPA and is expected to attain this average or better upon graduation. I also verify that this student is in good standing at their high school.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Guidance Counselor Printed Name)**

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**(Guidance Counselor Signature & Date)**



## SHORT ESSAY PORTION

(you must TYPE this section and attach it to your application, please list name on each page)

**#1) Please list any extra-curricular activities, community service/volunteering, club activities, sports, scouting etc., job shadowing or any paid employment in which you have participated in the last four years. List a sentence or two about how your involvement influenced or impacted your life.**

**List as follows: Activity Name, Years Participated, Position Held or Service Provided**

Examples:

PHS Interact Club

Freshman through Senior Year  
(4 years)

Club Secretary (2015/2017)  
Club Treasurer (2017/2018)

My involvement helped me to understand how other students my age and their families live differently in other countries around the world.

Yearbook Club

Sophomore & Junior Year  
(2 years)

Photographer (2016/2017)

Varsity Basketball

Junior & Senior Year  
(2 years)

MVP Award (2018)

Volunteered at  
food pantry

Junior & Senior Year  
(2 years)

Organized food donations, distribution  
to families

Worked part time  
at Walgreens

Junior & Senior Year  
(2 years)

Cashier, stocked shelves,  
customer service

**#2) Please share why you have a financial need for this scholarship, how you plan on using the money and how receiving the money will impact your future plans. (250 words or less)**

**#3) Future plans after graduation. What is most important to you in life now, and where do you expect to be in four years? How will your career positively affect others? Please be as specific as possible (500 words or less)**

**#4) Please share why you feel that you are a deserving candidate for this scholarship. (250 words or less)**

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