

## District 6690 Interact Scholarship Opportunity

### **Description:**

The intent of these scholarships are to support students who have demonstrated their commitment to the Rotary International motto: Service Above Self. Students must be a current member of their school's Interact club.

Students must submit a personal essay/statement that describes their experiences with community service, leadership opportunities, and why this scholarship is important to them.

### **Overview**

- Four \$500 scholarships for a total of \$2000 are offered!
- Applicants must be a high school senior who will be attending college, community college or technical collage in Fall 2018, and must currently be a member of their school's Interact club.
- Many school districts use a universal application – all students use the same application for all scholarships. If that is not the case at your Interact club high school, an application form can be sent to you.
- This is in addition to any scholarships your Rotary club offers. Each Rotary club may forward no more than four applications to the District 6690 review committee.

### **Your Rotary Club's Responsibility**

- Generally high school guidance offices manage the scholarship application process. Contact your Interact club advisor to learn how your school would like to proceed.
- Each club is responsible for sharing the scholarship information with their school(s) and Interact clubs.
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### **First Steps**

- Contact Claudia Trusty, [claudia@trustyandcompany.com](mailto:claudia@trustyandcompany.com) if your Rotary club will be participating in the District 6690 Scholarship program.
- Your clubs may submit up to 4 applications to the district.
- If your club already has a scholarship committee, they will be charged with evaluating these applications. If your club does not, you will need a few club members to review applications.
- Clearly mark your club name on each application and provide a "reply to" email address.
- Submit no more that 4 applications via email to [interact@district6690.org](mailto:interact@district6690.org) by April 2, 2018.

### **Timing Is Critical**

- Complete information will be sent to your club as soon as you let Claudia know you will participate.
- Scholarship applications will be due to the District committee by April 2 and winners announced by May 1.
- Any District 6690 Rotarian can serve on the District Scholarship Review Committee – let Claudia know if you would like to learn more about how you can help.

### **Mandatory Criteria**

- Student must be a senior who has committed to attending college in Fall 2018.

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- Student must be a current member of an Interact club.

### **Weighted Criteria**

Students must respond via essay to each of the Weighted Criteria statements. Essays should be about 500 - 750 words and cover the following:

Community Service – 40% or 40 points

Student must demonstrate community service through Interact and other groups

Leadership – 20% or 20 points

Student must cite examples of their leadership in Interact, at their school and in their community.

Academic Achievements – 20% or 20 points

Student must have a 2.8 or higher GPA

Financial Need – 15% or 15 points

Student must explain how this scholarship will impact their education

### **Deadlines**

- All application must be received by April 2, 2018
- Rotary clubs may not revise the criteria.
- Submit no more than 4 applications to [interact@district6690.org](mailto:interact@district6690.org)

Please review the guidelines and contact Claudia Trusty, [claudia@trustyandcompany.com](mailto:claudia@trustyandcompany.com), with questions.