



**Rotary Club of Effingham County**

***“Service Above Self”***

**Scholarship Application Instructions**

Each year, the Rotary Club of Effingham County awards \$10,000. in scholarships to seniors graduating from the high schools in Effingham County who are furthering their education at colleges of their choice.

A total of four scholarships of \$2,500. each will be awarded to deserving seniors, two at Effingham County High School and two at South Effingham High School. The scholarships will be sent directly to the colleges as soon as the recipients provide proof of enrollment.

The motto of Rotary is *“Service Above Self”*. As such, when evaluating the applications, the selection committee will place the most significant emphasis on how the student has given of himself for the benefit of family, community and beyond. While scholastic achievement and financial need will be considered, it is not required that the applicant be one of the top scholars or be in financial distress.

**Requirements**

In order to be considered for the Rotary Club of Effingham County *“Service Above Self”* scholarship, **ALL** of the following items must be submitted to the students’ high school Guidance Office **not later than the last school day of the month of March.**

The evaluation committee reserves the right to reject any application that is not submitted by the deadline or does not include **ALL** of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ A completed scholarship application form. The form must be neat and highly legible. It is recommended that the student have it typed. The application must be grammatically correct and free of spelling errors and cross outs. It should be indicative of the best work that the student is capable of producing.

\_\_\_\_\_ A copy of the parents’ or guardians’ tax return from the previous year. If the student is emancipated, the student must provide a copy of his/her tax return in lieu of the parent or guardian return. If no tax return was filed by any party, other evidence of income and expenses must be provided. This information will only be viewed by the evaluation committee and will be shredded once the selection process has been completed.

\_\_\_\_\_ An official copy of the student’s most recent academic transcript, signed by the appropriate school official and stamped or embossed with the seal of the school.

\_\_\_\_\_ Three letters of recommendations from non-family members. At least one of the letters must be from an individual who can address the student’s service-related contributions.

If you have any questions, please contact your Guidance Office representative. If they do not know the answer, they will contact the Rotary Club of Effingham County for you.



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Rotary is all about Service – giving of yourself to help others. Use this page to tell us what significant things you have done to improve the quality of life for others or in some way helped make the world a little better. It could be things you have done for your family, your community or virtually any place or anyone in the world.

_____ Signature of applicant	_____ Date
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If not emancipated:

_____ Signature of parent or guardian	_____ Date
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Before you submit this application to your Guidance Office, review it to be sure that it represents the best work of which you are capable. Review the checklist on the cover sheet to be sure that you have submitted **ALL** of the required materials.

The ***Rotary Club of Effingham County*** thanks you for your time and effort. We wish you the best of luck in your pursuit of this scholarship and all of your future endeavors.