

# TUSCOLA ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

## Guidelines

### *Purpose and History*

Beginning with the 1989-90 school year, the Tuscola Rotary Club began awarding scholarships to graduating students of Tuscola High School in order to serve Rotary's commitment to the youth of the community. The initial awards were one four-year scholarship with a total value of \$1,000 (\$250 per year) and one two-year scholarship valued at \$500 (\$250 per year). Recipients were to be enrolled as full-time undergraduate students pursuing a degree, license, or certification.

Starting with the 1991-92 school year, the Tuscola Rotary Club changed the awards to two four-year scholarships with an individual value of \$1,200 (\$300 per year). In 1993 the club elevated the award to \$1,600 (\$400 per year); then in 2008, the club raised the scholarship to \$2000 (\$500 per year).

### *Basic Criteria*

- A. Attendance: Must be a full-time undergraduate student (12 semester hours or more) at a post-secondary school offering a degree, license, or certification.
- B. United States Citizenship: Must be either a natural born or naturalized citizen as determined by the US Immigration Service.
- C. Residency: Must be a legal resident of Tuscola School District meeting the residency requirements of the Illinois High School Association as applied to athletic participation, and having attended Tuscola High School at least their last four high school semesters.
- D. Academic Standards: Must have good academic standing in his/her class at the end of seven semesters as determined by the Rotary Selection Committee.

### *Selection Procedure*

To be considered, applications for this scholarship must be presented to the guidance counselor of Tuscola High School *no later than the date set by the scholarship chair each year.*

Award recipients shall be selected by a committee of at least three members of the Tuscola Rotary Club appointed annually by the Club President. The committee may seek advise and guidance from the high school guidance counselor and/or principal in complying with the requirements under *Basic Criteria.*

The selection committee may use grade point average, rank in class, other scholarship awards, activity involvement, leadership, character, SAT or ACT scores, and other factors in making their selection (financial need is not a necessary criteria); it is the Rotary Club's intent to honor and help good students who have distinguished themselves. *The selection shall be solely at the discretion of the selection committee* as empowered by the Rotary President.

### *Payment and Continued Eligibility*

Scholarship award payments will not be made until the student has been accepted for attendance at the post-secondary college/university. Proof of acceptance, registration, and/or continued enrollment shall be sent to the Tuscola High School guidance counselor for notice to the Rotary treasurer to release funds.

Award dollars are made payable directly to the awardee for tuition, room and board, books, or other necessary college expenses. Payment shall occur to the maximum amount of one-half the annual amount per semester or the whole \$500 amount at the discretion of the Rotary treasurer.

Four consecutive years shall complete the four-year scholarship. If at any time the student ceases enrollment or reduces the minimum course load to less than full-time status, the scholarship may terminate without renewal as of the date of the occurrence.

Receiving an undergraduate degree shall not disqualify a scholarship recipient from the benefits of a full term of eligibility for the scholarship. The recipient may use the scholarship into graduate study.

## Tuscola Rotary Scholarship Application

I hereby submit my application for a Tuscola Rotary Scholarship. The information in this application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining the scholarship award.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ HS Grad Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Personal Data:***

Name of Father, Step-father, or Male Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother, Step-mother, or Female Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Check ALL that applies:***

Applicant normally lives with Father \_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_ Step-Father \_\_\_\_ Step-Mother \_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_ (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Parents separated \_\_\_\_ Parents divorced \_\_\_\_ Father deceased \_\_\_\_ Mother deceased \_\_\_\_

Any family situation that you want the selection committee to be aware of:

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### ***Academics:***

*Completed by Office Personnel*

Grade Point Avg. _____	Class Rank: ____ out of ____	_____ Verifying Office Signature
SAT Composite _____		

***College or University Data:***

School to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptance Status \_\_\_\_\_

Major or Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Year to Complete Program \_\_\_\_\_

***Supplemental Data:***

List extra-curricular activities and academic awards, and honors received in high school, church, etc. (you may attach a résumé if available).

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***Employment Data:***

List employment experience, including dates of employment, duties, and wages earned.

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***Motivations:***

On a separate and attached sheet of paper, *briefly* state your reasons for desiring to attend college, why you have selected your program of study or why you are undecided, and define your goals upon completing school. Why are you unique. Limit your response to one side of the sheet of paper.

***Certification:***

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if knowingly false information is presented I shall forfeit any award or scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature