



# The Rotary Club of New Bern

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To: High School seniors:

Thank you for your interest in the New Bern Rotary Scholarship Foundation and its college scholarship program. We are pleased at this time to be able to offer each year one \$16,000.00 scholarship to a qualified applicant. This award is payable at the rate of \$4,000.00 annually for four years if the recipient continues to meet the guidelines of the foundation and maintains a 3.0 average.

The materials enclosed in this envelope or on-line at our club's website contain all the information needed to make a formal application for the scholarship. The deadline for the return of the application is **April 15, 2024**, at which time **all of the following requirements must** be in the hands of the scholarship committee [**mailed to P. O. Box 818, New Bern, NC 28563-0818**]:

- Personal data sheets
- High School transcript (Including ACT or SAT scores if required by the school to which you are applying).
- Family financial status (The Student Aid Report [SAR] generated through a Federal Student Aid [FAFSA] application, including the EFC [Effective Family Contribution] and other pages that reflect the family's financial information on which the EFC was based. It is important to encourage your parents to prepare their income tax return for 2022 as soon as possible as this information is needed to complete the FAFSA application). You need to submit this information by **February 20, 2024** (by mail or on the internet) in order to have your SAR back in time for this scholarship application process.
- Letters of recommendation – three are required in addition to that of the principal or guidance counselor. **Only one** of the three remaining may come from a teacher; the others should be from employers, pastors, family friends, or leaders of community activities in which you have been engaged. Information sent in these letters should be descriptive of your life in the community in activities other than at school.

The applicants will be screened by the scholarship committee, and five finalists will be invited to interview with a panel composed of the scholarship committee and two Rotarians from another county who will make the final recommendation. We invite you to make application by the deadline, and we wish you well in that endeavor.

Sincerely,

*Jim Findley*

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Chair, New Bern Rotary Scholarship Foundation, Inc.