

The Rotary Club of New Bern

Chartered 1920

Post Office Box 818

New Bern, North Carolina 28563-0818

January 15, 2024

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.

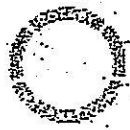
The applicants will be screened by the scholarship committee, and five finalists will be invited to interview with a panel composed of the scholarship committee and two Rotarians from another county who will make the final recommendation. We invite you to make application by the deadline, and we wish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

Sincerely,

Jim Findley

James W. Findley

Chair, New Bern Rotary Scholarship Foundation, Inc.



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NEW BERN ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION APPLICATION

Applicant

Eligibility

Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who is currently and has been for at least two (2) years immediately prior to the date of application either:

- A. a resident of Craven County, North Carolina; or
- B. a student attending a high school located in Craven County, North Carolina

Selection of Recipients

All applicants are expected to complete the attached application and meet all requirements set forth in the application. The Scholarship Committee will select recipients based on scholastic achievement, school and community activity, overall merit, character and interests, collegiate aptitude, and the need for financial assistance. Recipients of this scholarship will be notified by mail.

Submission Requirements

- 1. Your high school record, which includes:
 - A. Transcript of grades
 - B. Estimate of class standing
 - C. SAT or other test scores
 - D. Any commendations of academic achievement
- 2. A letter of recommendation from your high school principal or guidance counselor
- 3. A copy of the letter of acceptance from any college/university to which you have applied. If you have not yet been accepted, please request a letter from the institutions(s) indicating the status of your application.
- 4. Three letters of recommendation. These letters should testify to your character and be written by someone other than a family member. Only one can come from a teacher; others should come from employers, pastors, family friends, or leaders of community activities in which you have engaged.
- 5. Student Aid Report (SAR). Include title page with Effective Family Contribution (EFC) information and other pages that provide family financial data.

APPLICATION

(Please print or type)

Name _____
(first) (middle) (last)

Social Security Number _____

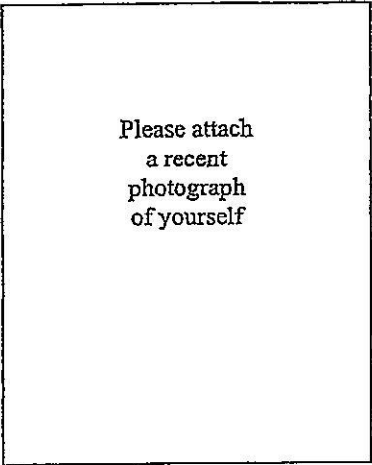
Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ ST NC Zip _____

Telephone Number (best to reach you) _____

Birthdate _____ Male Female



EDUCATION

Name of High School Address Dates Attended

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PURSUITS

What field of study do you plan to pursue? _____

Please list colleges or universities you have applied to or will apply to:

Name of Institution Address Application Status

What occupation do you plan to pursue? _____

If undecided, please list top three considerations:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

What do you think will be the most rewarding aspect of the occupation you are considering?

FAMILY

Father

Name _____

Living Deceased

Employer _____

Position _____

Mother

Name _____

Living Deceased

Employer _____

Position _____

How many brothers & sisters _____ Brothers & sisters ages _____

List family members currently attending college and their class level

YOUR FINANCIAL STATUS

Please list past and current paces of employment

Employer _____ Position _____ Dates of Employment _____

Amount of savings _____ Anticipated summer earnings _____

List any current financial obligations you have

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Please list any other scholarships for which you have applied:

Scholarship Name _____ Amount _____ Awarded

Yes No

Yes No

Please estimate the following:

The total amount you will need for the first year of college,
including tuition, fees, room, board and books: _____

The total amount your parents will contribute: _____

The total amount of earnings you will contribute: _____

The total amount of financial assistance you will need: _____

SHORT ESSAY

Why should the members of this selection committee choose you to receive a New Bern Rotary scholarship? We would like to understand your ambitions and your reasons for continuing your education. Please limit your response to 150 words.

ACTIVITIES

Please tell us about your school, church and other activities. Include any clubs, sports and other organizations (like Boy/Girl Scouts) in which you have participated. List any offices held, letters won, academic honors received, or other special achievements.