**Scholarship Application 2023**

The Homer Kachemak Bay Rotary Club is sponsoring scholarships for the 2023-24 academic year for applicants attending any academic institution OR vocational program, who demonstrate the vest combination of financial need, career goals and Rotary principles. A vocational program is defined as a program leading to an industry certificate, or other certificate of completion which would enable the recipient to obtain entry level career employment. This need not be in a traditional vocational area such as welding or other trade, but may include culinary arts, specialized business training, or medical training such as nursing or EMT training; it need not be a degree program.

**Criteria**

1. Applicants must have or are scheduled to receive a High School Diploma or GED prior to award date.
2. Applicants must be admitted to their institution/program of choice by award date.
3. Applicants must be enrolled in an academic institution with a minimum of 12 credits of a Workforce Certificate Program.
4. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.50. Verification of GPA will be made prior to disbursal of scholarship award.
5. Other financial awards will be considered to determine financial need for these scholarships.
6. Applicants may be asked by the Rotary Scholarship Committee for a personal interview.

**Completed Applications Must Include:**

1. This page signed and dated.
2. A completed and signed *Applicant Information* form.
3. High School transcripts or proof of GED.
4. A typewritten description which demonstrates:
	1. Your community service and volunteer activities;
	2. Your future education and career goals;
	3. Your basis for financial need and how you intend to cover the cost of your education. Be sure to include the types and amounts of any form of financial aid for which you have applied.
5. Submit all forms and applications to:

Homer Kachemak Bay Rotary Club

Attn: Scholarship Committee

PO Box 377

Homer, AK 99603

**Note:**

* Incomplete applications will not be considered.
* Funds must be used for the academic year awarded or the scholarship will be forfeited.
* Application packages must be received by **April 15th** for the 2023/24 academic year. Names of scholarship recipients will be announced publicly unless a recipient requests that his/her name be withheld.

I understand the criteria listed above and have submitted a complete application package as per that list.

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Applicant Signature Date

**Applicant Information Form**

**Due April 15, 2023**

Applicant Information:

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| **Application Name:** | **Email Address:** |
| **Mailing Address:** | **Telephone/Cell Number:** |

College/University or Vocational/Technical School Information:

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| **Name of School:** | **Student ID:** |
| **Financial Aid Office Address:** | **Financial Aid Office Phone Number:** |
| **Degree/Major/Certificate Program:** | **Have you been Admitted?****\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_NOT YET** |

Estimated Annual Expenses:

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| Tuition & Fees: | Transportation: |
| Books/Materials/Tools: | Child Care: |
| Room/Board: | **Total Cost to Attend per Year:** |

These statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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**WHAT IS ROTARY?**

The Rotary Club is a worldwide service organization with over a million members. Membership consists of business and professional men and women within the community who each represent a unique area of service or “classification.” This membership structure ensures the club remains diverse, vibrant, and representative of the community in which it serves. Generally, the goals of Rotary are to build community and international goodwill by promoting ethical standards in business and community service.

**Service is the all-important Rotary principle**

The Rotary mottoes are: *“Service Above Self”*

 *“He Profits Most Who Serves Best”*

All activities of a Rotary Club are organized under Rotary International’s **Four Avenues of Service:**

* **Club Service** - Activities that build fellowship within an active club membership.
* **Vocational Service** - Activities that improve the quality of business and professional services offered by club members within the community.
* **Community Service** - Activities that enhance the quality of life in our community.
* **International Service -** Activities that build ‘bridges of understanding and service’ between countries and the Rotary clubs in those countries.

The essence of Rotary is summed up in the famous ***Four-Way Test:***

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

If we abide by this test in whatever we do in our personal lives and in our chosen vocations, we will be will on our way toward leading productive lives that are sensitive to the needs and feelings of our fellow man.