

Rotary Club of Palm Beach Rotary Foundation Flags for Heroes Scholarship Fund

Application - 2022

Introduction

This Rotary Club of Palm Beach Foundation Flags for Heroes 2022 scholarship program is based on the academic calendar systems in the USA, which are the quarter system, semester system, and in some cases the trimester system. This application, regardless of the academic calendar systems used by your school of choice, is for the time frame typically running from August 2022 up to, and in some cases, including portions of June 2023, but does not pertain to summer class work. Scholarships are awarded for full-time, meaning not less than 12 credit hours of study per semester, or the equivalent number of hours under an alternative academic calendar system, for only undergraduate study at accredited colleges and universities and/or trade schools located in the USA on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas under review by us include academic accomplishments, community service, personal achievements and financial need. College and university post-graduate educational studies are not eligible for this scholarship program, including working on an additional undergraduate degree. If you have received a four-year undergraduate degree, you are not eligible for this scholarship program. Holders of AA or AS degrees are eligible for this scholarship program for full time academic work toward achieving an initial four-year undergraduate degree.

This scholarship is for one year. Applicants and those awarded scholarships may be eligible to be awarded future scholarships depending on meeting the then current conditions of the scholarship program, continued academic success, qualification of employment of the recipient's parent with the Town of Palm Beach, and availability of funds. Vocational school tuition requirements will also be taken into account with any award. Awarded scholarships are made payable to both the educational institution and the award recipient. If you receive a Flags for Heroes scholarship in any given year you may not receive any other Rotary Club of Palm Beach Foundation scholarship for that same school year. You may apply for more than one Rotary Club of Palm Beach Foundation scholarship program for the same school year to improve your chances of securing one scholarship from us, but you will not receive more than one Rotary Club of Palm Beach Foundation scholarship for any given school year. PLEASE READ THIS APPLICATION CAREFULLY, ANSWER EVERY QUESTION AND PROVIDE EVERY DOCUMENT REQUESTED. FAILURE TO FULLY COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION, FAILURE TO ANSWER EVERY QUESTION COMPLETELY OR FAILURE TO PROVIDE ALL FORMS OF DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY THIS APPLICATION WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR APPLICATION. LEAVE NO SECTION BLANK. IF NOT APPLICABLE WRITE "NA." DEPENDING ON THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED, THE DEGREE OF COMPETITIVENESS BETWEEN THE APPLICANTS AND THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE, NOT ALL APPLICANTS MAY RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP. **THIS APPLICATION, AND ITS ATTACHMENTS, MUST BE SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE MAY 20, 2022, BY EMAIL ONLY, TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF PALM BEACH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, AS ONE DOCUMENT, IN PDF FORMAT ONLY, AT RotaryPB1950@gmail.com .**

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Scholarship Eligibility

- An applicant must be a current legal dependent of an active, meaning not retired, Town of Palm Beach General employee as defined below¹ who is actively employed in a General Employee position at the time of application and award; and the General employee must have at least one year of full-time service at the time of application; and a scholarship recipient, must:
- Be either a high school senior seeking enrollment, a high school graduate seeking enrollment, an enrolled post high school student not yet attending school, or a student already accepted and currently matriculating full time in an accredited trade program school or undergraduate degree program at an accredited college or university in the USA; and
- Provided us with a fully completed scholarship application with all required documentation submitted on time that includes academic or vocational achievement and service; and
- Provide an official transcript from your high school or, if applicable, for all of one's college course work to date included with this completed scholarship application.

¹ A General employee means a Town employee not covered by the Palm Beach Police & Fire Foundation scholarship program

Scholarship Deadline

A complete application packet, including this fully completed application and all required attachments, including, but not limited to, official transcripts, required essay submittals and required family income data, shall be submitted to the Palm Beach Rotary Foundation Scholarship Committee no later than May 20, 2022. Only a fully completed application packet will be accepted. **The Palm Beach Rotary Foundation Scholarship Committee will fully review each submitted application for consideration and provide award information to the Board of the Palm Beach Rotary Foundation, the scholarship recipients and the Town of Palm Beach Human Resources Department by July 8, 2022.**

Town of Palm Beach Information

Full Name of Town of Palm Beach General Employee: _____

Scholarship Applicant Full Name: _____

I, _____ (print General employee name and parent of applicant) fulfill the following eligibility provisions:

- I am actively employed as a General employee (as defined above) at the time of the application submittal and submittal deadline; and
- I was hired on _____ (hire date) and have at least one year of full-time service at the time of application; and
- I am employed as a _____ (job title) in the _____ department.

Signature of Employee: _____ Date: _____

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Date of Verification of General Employee employment of parent: _____

Means of contact: _____

Name of Human Resources worker contacted: _____

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone/Cell: _____

Date of Birth: _____

I, _____ (applicant name), have completed this application in its entirety to the best of my ability, attached all required items per the application requirements and scholarship checklist, and affirm that information contained herein is true, correct and without forgery. I understand the provisions and am in compliance with the scholarship requirements which state that I must:

- be a legal dependent of an active Town of Palm Beach General employee as outlined above pursuant to applicable IRS rules pertaining to dependency. See link: <https://www.irs.gov/faqs/filing-requirements-status-dependents/dependents/dependents-2>
- be a high school senior or graduate seeking enrollment or already accepted full time in an accredited trade program or my first undergraduate degree program at an accredited school, college or university in the USA. I am not a post-graduate college student; and
- complete a scholarship application in its entirety that includes academic achievement, service and all other information or documentation required therein; and
- provide a copy of an official transcript submitted with this application, all as one document in the PDF format, to the Palm Beach Rotary Foundation Scholarship Committee of high school, trade school or your college course work, whichever is applicable and the most recent, on or before the scholarship application submittal deadline date.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, proof of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice must be provided before scholarship funds can be awarded. Awarded scholarships are made payable to both the educational institution and the award recipient.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Academic Information

High School

Name: _____
Address: _____
Non-Weighted GPA: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Testing

ACT Score: _____ and/or SAT Score: _____
A copy of your ACT or SAT score sheet and official high school transcript or, if applicable, college transcript is required.

Trade Program/College/University (list all, and include acceptance letter (s) if applicable)

Name: _____
Address: _____
Specialty/Major Studied, or to be: _____
Applied On (Date): _____ Accepted On (Date): _____

Name: _____
Address: _____
Specialty/Major Studied, or to be: _____
Applied On (Date): _____ Accepted On (Date): _____
(Add additional pages if necessary)

Estimated Expenses, Financial Assistance and Scholarships

Provide current estimated total costs for the following. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Name of College, University or Trade School	Tuition *Annual Cost	Books Annual Cost	Fees Annual Cost	Room & Board Annual Costs	Other Costs Annual	Total Annual Costs

**Annual costs for a school on the semester academic calendar system is the Fall and Spring semesters and a similar time frame for those schools on another academic calendar system.*

List all scholarships you have received or expect to receive to date and funding sources. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Scholarship Name	Funding Source	Date Received	Amount

List other financial assistance you will receive per semester. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Other Financial Assistance	Amount per Semester	Additional Information to include Funding Source(s)
Personal or Family	\$	
Grants:	\$	
Student Loan(s):	\$	
Other Financial Resources:	\$	

Family Income Verification

- 1) Attach a copy of the most current Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FASFA program, or if you do not have a FASFA report;
- 2) Attach a copy of your parent’s most recent IRS income tax return showing the adjusted gross income (AGI) and taxpayer name(s), address of parent(s), and your name listed as a dependent on the tax return. All other information may be redacted.

Essay Section

The following sections shall be completed in essay form. A separate sheet or sheets of paper may be used for each of the essays required below, if needed.

Areas of Study

In the essay format, identify your area(s) of study selected, reason for selecting the same and future career goals. Attach separate sheets of paper each with the heading “Areas of Study,” if needed.

Organizations, Volunteerism, and Extra-Curricular Activities

In the essay format, provide a list of all academic or community based extra-curricular activities, including sports, community service organizations, and volunteer opportunities in which you are currently active or have previously been active. Note any leadership roles and dates. Attach separate sheets of paper each with the heading “Organizations, Volunteerism, and Extra-Curricular Activities,” if needed.

The Value of Public Service

In the essay format, in 250 words or less, describe what public service means to you, its value in our communities, and what challenges may face public service in the future. Attach separate sheets of paper each with the heading “The Value of Public Service”, if needed.

Scholarship Application Checklist

The following items must be submitted to the Palm Beach Rotary Club Foundation Scholarship Committee, as one document, in the PDF format, via email only to RotaryPB1950@gmail.com on or before the deadline date indicated herein. Paper applications and non-PDF document application submittals will be rejected.

CHECKLIST TABLE

REQUIRED ITEMS	OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS
A Cover Letter	Academic Awards or Honors added to the required PDF.
<u>Fully Completed</u> Scholarship Application & Required Documents, within the one required PDF, emailed to RotaryPB1950@gmail.com addressed to the Scholarship Committee by May 20, 2022.	Certificates or other Documentation of Community Service Activities added to the required PDF.
Copy of Official Transcript (High School or College, as applicable), within the required PDF.	Documentation of extracurricular activities, volunteerism, clubs, internships, organizations or sports added to the required PDF.
Copy of Official ACT and/or SAT Scores	Letters of Recommendation added to the required PDF.
Proof of acceptance in an eligible program, if received. If not yet received, your letter of acceptance may be requested from you as proof of attendance prior to provision of the scholarship funds, within the required PDF.	Your Resume added to the required PDF.
Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FASFA program (if available) or the most recent income tax return of you parent(s) as indicated in the "Family Income Verification" section, within the required PDF.	
Completion of the three Essay questions which may be attached to this application upon submittal, within the required PDF.	
Optional Extra Pages Needed by the Applicant to Completely Answer Questions and Provide All Required Information, within the required PDF.	

Should you have any questions, please direct all questions to the Scholarship Selection Committee, Subject: FFH Scholarship Program, via email only, to RotaryPB1950@gmail.com .

While we try to be responsive, we are not always able to do so due to other obligations. Therefore, it is best to ask questions early on and not at the eleventh hour. Should we fail to answer your question or fail to answer it in a timely manner this shall not be grounds for a time extension nor shall this in anyway nullify the outcome of the scholarship award process. All scholarship award decisions are final. Please govern yourself accordingly.

The Rotary Club of Palm Beach Foundation intends to inform you with notice of whether you will be receiving a scholarship from us on or before July 8, 2022. We wish you all the best in this and in any other endeavor you undertake to secure the education you require in order to provide for the absolute best for you and your family in the years ahead.