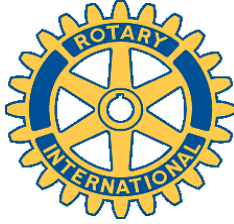


ROTARY CLUB OF PETALUMA VALLEY



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re: **Petaluma Valley Rotary Club Scholarship Awards**

Dear Career Counselors:

Petaluma Valley Rotary will be offering four \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students who have achieved both academic success and in service to others. An emphasis on community service is a priority in determining our scholarship winners.

The criteria, as shown in the informational page below is as follows:

Community Involvement: Active in a leadership role or as an active, contributing participant in school sponsored, or community activities that benefit the community or portions of the community.

Leadership: Demonstrates leadership qualities, but not necessarily as “the leader” of a group or activity. One important characteristic we look for is active leadership and involvement, whether working behind the scenes or quietly facilitating a project to ensure success. A student who acts as a catalyst to get a project started, or keeps a project “on track”, encourages others, or is the “go to person”, but is not necessarily the one in charge is very worthy of inclusion in this scholarship.

We will again be evaluating all applicants as one group, enabling us to grant these four scholarships to the most deserving students from our Petaluma area high schools. How many scholarships will be granted to seniors from your individual school could vary from a maximum of four, to as little as none in a worst case scenario.

All Petaluma area seniors will be competing with each other, with the applicants from the alternative high schools having a lower grade point average requirement and the consideration of special circumstances. We will take into consideration the financial or special needs of the applicant, as well as rewarding those students who have demonstrated an aptitude or interest in the areas of service to others in the international arena, or in the field of service, or those interested in pursuing a vocational skill.

The attached page outlines our scholarship program in detail, and includes a standard application.

PLEASE NOTE: The required essay must be in 12 point font and limited to one page.

We hope you will encourage your “quieter” students to apply for one of our scholarships.

We would like to be able to pick up these applications from your office on March 13, 2009, so that we can evaluate them and notify you of our choices by early April.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at _____, or via email at _____.

Sincerely,

Petaluma Valley Rotary Club, Scholarship Selection Committee

Petaluma, CA 9495_

cc: Jim O’Grady, President, Petaluma Valley Rotary
Kevin Downey, Board of Trustees, Petaluma Valley Rotary Scholarship Foundation

Petaluma Valley Rotary Club
Scholarship Application Cover Sheet
Due March 13, 2009

Scholarship Name: Petaluma Valley Rotary Club Scholarship

Description of Scholarship: This scholarship is open of all senior students attending the following high schools in Petaluma who will be graduating at the end of term 2009.

Petaluma High School, Casa Grande High School, St. Vincent High School, San Antonio High School, Carpe Diem High School, Sonoma Mountain High School, and Valley Oaks High School

Dollar Amount of Scholarship: There are four (4) \$1,000 scholarships to be granted to the four most deserving applicants from the high schools listed above

The qualifications required to be considered are as follows:

For applicants from Petaluma, Casa Grande, and St. Vincent High Schools:

Minimum Accumulated Grade Point Average: 3.00 or above

For applicants from San Antonio, Carpe Diem, Sonoma Mountain, and Valley Oaks High Schools:

Minimum Accumulated Grade Point Average: 2.50 or above

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Area of Interest: Petaluma Valley Rotary offers scholarships to deserving students who have achieved both academically and in service to others. While we do award scholarships to the college bound student we also consider students who might have a strong interest in vocational studies and students who may have a strong interest in international studies or service.

Essay: Please attach a one page essay, in 12 point font. The essay is titled: “**How I have made a difference in my community.**” You may, in the essay, include any special circumstances and/or financial needs that you would like the scholarship committee to take into consideration. The important point to remember is that we are interested in why you feel qualified for our particular scholarship.

Attach a one page essay, in 12 point font, clearly stating how and why the applicant meets the specific guidelines for this scholarship. Include any special circumstances and/or financial needs that you would like the scholarship committee to take into consideration. The important point to remember is that we are interested in why you feel qualified for our particular scholarship.

Future Career Goals: The applicants need not be committed to a two or four year college. Any reasonable future career path that includes further education or service to others will be considered.

Letters of Recommendation: Attach two letters of recommendation. These letters may be from teachers, employers, family friends, or other responsible adults in organizations that the applicant is involved in.

Overcoming Obstacles: We are interested in that student who has overcome unusual obstacles during his/her high school years and has demonstrated the determination to complete high school with improving grades . Overcoming major illness, unusual family situations, or dealing with extreme peer pressure are worthy of inclusion.

The final selection of the recipients of these scholarships will be the responsibility of the Petaluma Valley Rotary Club Scholarship Committee and Board of Trustees.

Petaluma Valley Rotary Club Scholarship

Personal Information

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ Phone/cell #: _____

Father/Male Guardian: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother/Female Guardian: _____ Occupation: _____

Number of brothers and sisters living at home (excluding you): _____

Do you have any brothers and sisters in college now? _____ How many? _____

Further Education Planning

___ Vocational Course (_____) ___ Academic Course (_____)

What type of school do you plan to attend?

___ Junior College only, ___ State College/University, ___ Other 4 year school

___ Junior College & transfer to 4 yr. College, ___ Trade School

Please list the schools that you have applied to:

To which schools have you been accepted?

What occupation or profession do you plan to enter:

List all other scholarships, including PEF, that you have applied for or have been accepted: _____

Describe any special circumstances or financial needs: _____

Essay: Describe why you should be selected to receive this scholarship. Please limit your essay to one page in 12 point font.

High School Record:

What is your weighted cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Are you a member of the National Honor Society or the California Scholarship Federation (CSF): _____

Please attach your unofficial transcript to this application

If there is insufficient space to answer the following please attach an additional page.

- A. List all school organizations to which you have belonged, your involvement, and offices you have held. Include years of participation and any awards you have received.
- B. List all school sports and years of participation and any athletic honors you have been awarded.
- C. List creative work, hobbies or special training such as music, dance, drama, which you have pursued.