Vocational Scholarships 2014-2015
Available for Students
Cabrillo College

Amount: $750

Purpose: Partial tuition, acquisition of required books, equipment, and uniforms.

Requirements:

1. Resident for at least 2 years of Northern Santa Cruz County and its cities (zip codes 95019 and 95076 not eligible).

2. Demonstrable financial need.

3. Currently a Cabrillo student in good standing accepted to or enrolled in:

   - Allied Health (Dental Hygiene, Medical Assisting, Nursing, Radiologic Technology)
   - Engineering Technology
   - EMT/Fire Technology/Public Safety
   - Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management
   - Criminal Justice
   - Human Services
   - Music/Theater Arts

How to Apply:

1. Obtain Rotary Scholarship Application form from Financial Aid Office.
2. Complete the application.
3. Submit a copy of high school or college transcript(s).
4. Obtain one letter of recommendation.
5. Type a one or two page essay describing your educational goals, background of community service, and your financial needs.
6. Letter of recommendation, essay and transcripts must accompany application.
7. The Rotary Vocational Scholarship Committee must receive application postmarked no later than March 15, 2015.
8. The Rotary Vocational Scholarship Committee may require a personal interview.
9. Return your completed application to:

   Rotary Club of Santa Cruz
   Attn: Vocational Scholarships
   P.O. Box 497
   Santa Cruz, CA 95061
GUIDELINES

The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz Vocational Scholarship Program was established to assist students enrolled in an approved vocational or technical program of study. Scholarship awards are intended to assist students evidencing financial need and the desire to continue education or training.

Scholarship awards will vary in amount depending on funds allocated to the Vocational Scholarship Committee each year. As a general guideline, scholarships are in the amount of $500 to $750 each.

1. The Vocational Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in or who have been formally accepted into a full time approved vocational or technical program.

2. Scholarships are awarded primarily based on financial need.

3. Funds are to be used for tuition, equipment, or books and are sent directly to the college or training institution selected, to be credited to the student’s account.

The following criteria is used to evaluate applicants:

- Financial need
- Completed application
- Written recommendation – May be written by an instructor or counselor
- Written essay – Content, grammar, spelling and neatness will be evaluated. The essay should be a one or two page in length and detail the goals and aspirations of the applicant
- Interview – Personal or telephone interview may occur
- Community service activities
- Residency – Must be a resident for at least two (2) years in Northern Santa Cruz County (zip codes 95019 and 95076 are not eligible for consideration)

Currently Qualified Vocational Programs:

- **Aviation Careers** – From Aircraft maintenance to career-oriented Pilot Training at Watsonville Airport, San Jose State, or Gavilan College
- **Automotive Technology** – Santa Cruz Regional Occupational Program conducted at Santa Cruz High School
- **Dental Assisting or Medical Assisting** – Santa Cruz Regional Occupational Programs conducted at Harbor High School
- **Cabrillo College** – Allied Health (Dental Hygiene, Medical Assisting, Nursing, Radiologic Technology); Engineering Technology; EMT/Fire Technology/Public Safety; Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management, Criminal Justice; Human Services, or Music/Theater Arts
- **Paramedic or EMT** – UEI College (Formerly ETS Inc.)

Applications for Rotary of Santa Cruz Vocational Scholarships are available through the various programs, instructors, financial aid offices, or by writing to the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz P.O. Box 497, Santa Cruz, 95061. Completed applications must be received postmarked by March 15 for our consideration and award decision April 30 of each year. Each Vocational Program will be awarded one, possibly two scholarships each year. Any questions regarding the vocational programs or the applications can be answered by calling Michael Harrison (831) 428-4524.
2014-2015
ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____________________________________________________________________________
(last) (first) (middle)
Address: ___________________________________________________________________________
(number) (street) (city) (state) (zip)
Phone Number: ( ) ________________________ Date of Birth: ________________________ Age: __________
Social Security Number: ________________ - ________________ - ________________
High School Attended: _____________________________________________________________________
Graduation Date: ________________________ Grade Point Average ______________
Honors and Awards you have received: _______________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
Community Service you have provided: _______________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
North Santa Cruz County two (2) year residency requirement – Describe how you qualify: ______________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WHERE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE USED:
Name of Institution: _____________________________________________________________________
Address: _____________________________________________________________________________
(number) (street) (city) (state) (zip)
Phone Number of Educational Institution: ( ) ________________________
Major Course of Study: _____________________________________________________________________
Educational Goals or Objectives: ___________________________________________________________
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I declare that the information provided is true, correct, and complete. I hereby consent to release any and all information contained in this form and its supporting documents that may pertain to scholarship selection or recognition.
Student Signature: _____________________________________________________________________
Date: ________________________

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLY

1. Complete the application.
2. Submit a copy of high school or college transcript(s).
3. Obtain one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or other school official stating why you should be considered for this scholarship. This letter should address student’s level of competence, commitment, and educational effort. The original letter must be signed and dated.
4. Submit a one or two page, typed essay describing your educational goals and aspirations. The essay should also address your need and how a scholarship will assist you in attaining your goals.
5. Application must be accompanied by letter of recommendation, essay and transcripts.
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WHAT’S ROTARY

Rotary International is a volunteer organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members belonging to 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary celebrated 100 years of service in 2005. The Rotary Foundation has awarded more than US$2.1 billion in grants, which are administered at the local level by Rotary clubs.

What is the purpose of Rotary?  
Rotary clubs exist to improve communities through a range of humanitarian, intercultural and educational activities. Clubs advance international understanding by partnering with clubs in other countries. Rotary also encourages high ethical standards in all vocations.

What do Rotary clubs do?  
Rotary clubs address critical issues at home and abroad by providing health care and medical supplies, clean water, food, job training, youth development, and education to millions of people in need. Examples of Rotary’s focus areas include:

**Polio Eradication** - In 1985, Rotary International created PolioPlus – a program to immunize all the world’s children against polio. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. Rotary is currently working to raise an additional US$200 million toward a US$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These efforts are providing much needed polio vaccine, operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents. In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over $6 billion to the effort. With its community-based network worldwide, Rotary is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. Rotary volunteers assist in vaccine delivery, social mobilization and logistical help in cooperation with the national health ministries, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Peace** - In an effort to educate tomorrow’s peacemakers and ambassadors, up to 110 Rotary World Peace Fellows are sponsored each year to study at one of the eight universities for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Since 2002, 431 fellows from over 75 countries have participated at a cost of more than $23 million.

**International Education** - Rotary is the world’s largest privately-funded source of international scholarships. Each year, about 1,000 university students receive Rotary scholarships to study abroad. Rotary clubs also coordinate a high school-age student exchange program that has sent nearly 8,000 students abroad for three months to a year.

**Humanitarian Projects** - Rotary clubs initiate thousands of humanitarian service projects every year. These volunteer-driven projects address the root causes of conflict, such as hunger, poverty, disease and illiteracy.

**Literacy** - Rotary clubs work to improve literacy rates worldwide. A unique, Rotary-pioneered approach called the Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) has proven very effective in resource-strapped developing countries. It was so successful in Thailand, that the Thai government adopted the program nationwide.

**Water Management** - Recognizing the importance of clean water, many Rotary clubs help to install wells and develop water treatment and distribution systems to increase access to fresh drinking water for communities in need, especially in developing countries.