

VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Rotary Club of Yakima is a club created to encourage and foster the ideals of enterprise, acquaintance, occupation, service and international understanding. Rotarians live by the Four-Way Test:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendship?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

1. The scholarship recipient must be enrolled at a post-high school vocational institution or in a 2-year terminal vocational program at a community college by June 30, 2027, and at a minimum through the 2026 fall quarter. Completion of this vocational program must result in a degree or certification in that vocation. **Students working towards a 4-year bachelor's degree do not qualify for this scholarship.** The award will be made available upon proof of actual enrollment. Payment will be made directly to the training school.
2. The criteria upon which the award will be based are:
 - Commitment to chosen career.
 - School and community engagement.
 - Evidence of passing grades/progress.
 - Financial need.
 - Good communication skills.
3. Students are eligible for subsequent awards but must reapply each year.

Important Scholarship Information

To be considered, you must answer all questions and meet all eligibility requirements identified above. Only completed applications will be considered for a scholarship. Please feel free to type your responses to the questions on a separate sheet of paper if you need more room. Scholarship applications will not be returned to you nor will copies be provided.

Application Procedures:

1. **Submit an official application to the address below.**
2. **Obtain two recommendations, one each from**
 - **A school person (teacher, counselor, or administrator)**
 - **A non-school or non-family person who knows the candidate well (i.e., scoutmaster, minister, employer, etc.)**
3. **Include a transcript and a copy of your current class schedule.**
4. **Include a copy of your FAFSA or WASFA Student Aid Report showing your SAI.**
5. **Finalists for the scholarship will be required to appear for an interview the final week in September.**

Winners will be invited to attend the Downtown Yakima Rotary Club luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 15th to receive their award.

Submit Applications to: The Rotary Club of Yakima
Vocational Scholarship Committee
PO Box 464
Yakima WA 98907

Email: yakimarotary@yakimarotary.org

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RETURNED OR POSTMARKED
BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026**

Rotary Club of Yakima Vocational Scholarship Application for 2026

Please type or write clearly (Attach additional pages, if needed.)

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____

Complete Address: (City, State, ZIP) _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Are you currently employed? Yes No

If yes, where do you work? _____ Hours per week? _____

School currently attending: _____

What career have you chosen?

What attracted you to this career? Why do you think you are a good fit for this career?

What is the name of the school or institution that you are or will be attending?

What program are you or will you be studying?

Are you enrolled at the above institution? Yes ☐ No ☐

What is or was your start date?

What is the duration of your program and estimated graduation date?

Please describe any circumstances that make paying for your education a financial burden for you or your family.

What job(s) have you held to help pay for your education? (Please identify whether the job is part-time or full-time)

What other scholarships or financial assistance, if any, do you anticipate receiving for your college expenses?

Rotary is an organization that provides service to others. In what school or community activities have you participated?

Before you send your application, please make sure that the following items are included as outlined in the cover letter:

- ☐ Completed Rotary Vocational Scholarship Application.
- ☐ Official school transcript from current school (i.e. YVC, Perry Tech) or high school transcript for recent graduates.
- ☐ Copy of current class schedule if already enrolled.
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from a school administrator, teacher, or counselor.
- ☐ Letter of recommendation from a non-school or non-family person who knows you well (minister, employer, mentor). Can not be a teacher, counselor, or administrator from your school)
- ☐ Copy of your FAFSA OR WASFA Student Aid Report showing your SAI. Form must include your name on the report.

Deadline: September 4, 2026

Must be postmarked or emailed by this date for the application to be considered.

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