

Rotary Club of Los Angeles ("LA5") Scholarship Worksheet

Application Deadline: February 24, 2020

Our online application is a bit involved, so it is important that you take the time to read our instructions and understand our process before completing it. In addition, you must be prepared to complete the online application in one sitting because the website we use does not save progress.

SOME ROTARY BASICS

- 1) The first Rotary club was founded in 1905. Today, there are more than 35,000 clubs in more than 200 countries. The Rotary Club of Los Angeles is the fifth oldest Rotary club in the world. That is why our club is proudly called "LA5."
- 2) Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. We work together to: promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, save mothers and children, support education, and grow local economies.
- 3) Rotarians follow a 4-Way Test (Please watch the video on our website). Of the things we think, say or do:
 - Is it the TRUTH?
 - Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 - Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

SOME SCHOLARSHIP BASICS

- 1) Scholarships are available to students who will be graduating high school in 2020 within the County of Los Angeles and attending a four year college/university in the Fall.
- 2) Scholarship awards typically range from \$4,000 to \$8,000 in total. Scholarship money is awarded in four equal installments starting in the summer after graduation. In order to receive the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th installment, scholars are required to submit minimal additional info evidencing enrollment, grades, and community service.
- 3) Students who receive a scholarship receive the money directly from us and can use the money in any way they want. Past scholars tell us they've used our scholarships to pay for clothing, computers, travel, food, books, rent, health insurance, and DACA certificates.
- 4) Scholarships are very competitive. We receive more than 150 applications and award approximately 20-25 scholarships. Typically, students who received scholarships maintained an unweighted GPA between 3.7 and 4.0 and had SAT scores between 520 and 750.

HOW TO APPLY

- 1) Complete the electronic Application available on our website.
- 2) Upload clear scanned copies of the following:
 - a. Scholarship Certification (see the last page of this Worksheet)
 - b. Your official high school transcript
 - c. Your SAT or ACT Score Report
 - d. Your personal essay
 - e. Your short essay
 - f. Early acceptance letters, if any
- 3) Have at least two people to submit letters of recommendation to us directly on your behalf. Instructions are below.
- 4) Be complete and accurate

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APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

- 1) Phase 1 - We check for completeness and score objective criteria like grades, AP/Honors classes, SAT/ACT scores, and financial need.
- 2) Phase 2 - Applications of students who scored the highest in Phase 1 are reviewed by multiple scholarship committee members who review and discuss the essays, community service and other extracurricular activity, letters of recommendation.
- 3) Phase 3 - Applicants who advance through Phase 1 and 2 are asked to meet in person with committee members. Our "interviews" are very friendly and intended to allow the committee members to get a more complete picture of our applicants.
- 4) Scholarships are awarded at a luncheon held after graduation in June.

UPLOAD INSTRUCTIONS (follow carefully)

- 1) Complete the "Scholarship Certification" that is attached as the last page of this Worksheet
- 2) Your signed Scholarship Certification must be the cover page followed by:
 - a. Your official high school transcript
 - b. Your SAT or ACT Score Report
 - c. Your Personal Essay
 - d. Your Rotary Essay
 - e. Early acceptance letters, if any
 - f. Additional pages, if any
- 3) The documents you upload must be a single multi-page PDF.
- 4) You MUST name your PDF file as follows:

Last Name, First Name - 2020 Scholarship Application
(E.g.: Sanchez, Julie - 2020 Scholarship Application)
- 5) Don't forget - the documents you upload must be a single multi-page PDF. (There are a variety of free scanning apps available for mobile devices)

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

We require at least two letters of recommendation. Letters must be on letterhead and signed (we do not accept just email). They must be sent to us directly from the person making the recommendation in one of two ways:

By Email:

- 1) The person writing a letter for you can attach the signed letter to an email to us at:
la5scholarships@gmail.com
- 2) The subject line of the email should be:
Recommendation re [Last Name], [First Name] (For example: Recommendation re Sanchez, Julie)

By Regular Mail to:

Joshua Mandell
c/o Akerman LLP
601 W. Fifth Street, Suite 300
Los Angeles, CA 90071
Attn: LA5 Scholarship re [Student Name]

Thank you,

Josh Mandell & Gina Doyle | LA5Scholarships@gmail.com | <http://www.rotaryla5.org>
LA5 Rotary Club Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs

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Student Information

- 1) Email address
- 2) Last Name
- 3) First Name
- 4) Birthdate
- 5) Personal Pronoun
- 6) Street Number and Name
- 7) Unit
- 8) City
- 9) State
- 10) Zip Code
- 11) Mobile Phone
- 12) Other Phone

Family Information

- 1) Name of Parent/Guardian #1 (First, Last)
- 2) Occupation of Parent/Guardian #1
- 3) Name of Parent/Guardian #2 (First, Last)
- 4) Occupation of Parent/Guardian #2
- 5) Number of Children in Your Family
- 6) Number of Siblings in college in the upcoming academic year
- 7) Will you be the first person in your household to attend college?

Household income of parent(s)/guardian(s) in 2019

- 1) Below \$78,000
- 2) \$78,001 to \$90,000
- 3) \$90,001 to \$105,000
- 4) \$105,001 to \$115,000
- 5) \$115,001 to \$125,000
- 6) Above \$125,000
- 7) Actual Household Income: \$_____

High School Information

- 1) High School You Will Be Graduating From in 2020?
- 2) Number of Years Attending This School
- 3) Unweighted GPA (through December 2019)
 - a. 3.0 - 3.24
 - b. 3.25 - 3.44
 - c. 3.45 - 3.64
 - d. 3.65 - 3.84
 - e. 3.85 - 4.0

Number of AP/Honors/College/IB Courses Taken in Each Grade Level

Examples: 4 quarters of AP English in 11th Grade = 1 Course

2 Semesters of AP English in 11th Grade = 1 Course

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|---------------|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 1) 9th Grade | | | | | | |
| a. 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
| 2) 10th Grade | | | | | | |
| a. 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
| 3) 11th Grade | | | | | | |
| a. 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
| 4) 12th Grade | | | | | | |
| a. 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |

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SAT / ACT Test Results

If you took the tests more than once, please indicate your highest score. We do not need both SAT and ACT scores.

- 1) Reading-Writing-English
 - a. SAT 220 - 290 / ACT 11 - 13
 - b. SAT 300 - 390 / ACT 14 - 16
 - c. SAT 400 - 490 / ACT 17 - 20
 - d. SAT 500 - 590 / ACT 21 - 26
 - e. SAT 600 - 690 / ACT 27 - 31
 - f. SAT 700 - 800 / ACT 32 - 36

- 2) Math
 - a. SAT 220 - 290 / ACT 11 - 13
 - b. SAT 300 - 390 / ACT 14 - 16
 - c. SAT 400 - 490 / ACT 17 - 20
 - d. SAT 500 - 590 / ACT 21 - 26
 - e. SAT 600 - 690 / ACT 27 - 31
 - f. SAT 700 - 800 / ACT 32 - 36

Specific Programs

- 1) Have you participated in RYLA? If yes, please describe your participation. If not, leave blank.
 - a. _____

- 2) Have you participated in Interact? If yes, please describe your participation. If not, leave blank.
 - a. _____

- 3) Have you participated in the Beyond the Bell Take Action Campaign? If yes, please describe your participation. If not, leave blank.
 - a. _____

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Community Service Experiences

Describe community service activities in which you have participated during the past four years. Choose activities that have had the greatest impact on you and your community.

Be specific and address the following:

- Name of Event
- Length & Level of Participation
- Reason for Participation
- Impact on You

Notes:

You are not required to have participated in service activities to qualify. If you want to tell us about more than three such activities, you may submit information about additional activities with the scanned material you upload labeled "Additional Community Service Activities."

Community Service Activity #1

Community Service Activity #2

Community Service Activity #3

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School Activities

Please list major school activities in which you have participated during the past four years, including any offices you have held. For example: school clubs, student government, sports, cheer, band, choir.

Be specific and address the following:

- Name of Activity
- Length & Level of Participation (Hours per week/month/year)
- Reason for Participation
- Impact on You

Notes:

You are not required to have participated in activities to qualify. If you have many activities and you want to tell us about more than three such activities, you may submit information about additional activities with the scanned material you upload labeled "Additional School Activities."

School Activity #1

School Activity #2

School Activity #3

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School Awards/Honors

Please list any awards or honors that you have received from your school.

1) 9th Grade

a. _____

2) 10th Grade

a. _____

3) 11th Grade

a. _____

4) 12th Grade

a. _____

Work or Internships

Please describe any work or internship during the past two years.

Be specific and address the following:

- 1) Employer
- 2) Position
- 3) Hours Per Week
- 4) Length of Employment

Notes: You are not required to have worked during school to qualify, but if you have, please tell us about it. If you want to tell us about more than three such jobs, you may submit information about additional activities with the scanned material you upload labeled "Additional Work / Internships."

Work / Internship #1

Work / Internship #2

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The Essays

Essay #1 (Personal Essay)

Topic:

Describe a significant accomplishment or challenge you have had and its impact on you.

Notes:

- 1) Your essay should be no more than two pages, double-spaced, font/size 12 Times New Roman.
- 2) Your name must appear at the top of each page
- 3) You will need to upload your essay with your other scanned material.

Essay #2 (Rotary Essay)

Topic:

How do your own community service efforts relate to what Rotary does?

Notes:

- 1) Your essay should be no more than one page, double-spaced, font/size 12 Times New Roman.
- 2) Your name must appear at the top of each page
- 3) You will need to upload your essay with your other scanned material.
- 4) We encourage you to review our own website www.rotaryla5.org and to watch the short video about the 4-way test embedded in our Application and on our website

LA5 2020 SCHOLARSHIP CERTIFICATION

Last Name First Name
Street Address Unit City Zip Code
Email Phone Number
Birthdate (MM-DD-YY) High School

CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY

By our signatures below, we certify that all information submitted to the LA5 Rotary Scholarship Program is truthful and accurate.

Student Signature Date

Parent / Guardian Signature Date

VISUAL/AUDIO IMAGE RELEASE FORM

I grant permission to the Rotary Club of Los Angeles (LA5), its employees and agents, to take and use visual/audio images of me. Visual/audio images are any type of recording, including but not limited to photographs, digital images, drawings, renderings, voices, sounds, video recordings, audio clips or accompanying written descriptions. LA5 will not materially alter the original images. I agree that LA5 owns the images and all rights related to them. The images may be used in any manner or media without notifying me, such as LA5-sponsored websites, publications, promotions, broadcasts, advertisements, posters and slides. I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished images or any printed or electronic matter that may be used with them, or to be compensated for them.

I release LA5 and its employees and agents, including any firm authorized to publish, broadcast and/or distribute a finished product containing the images, from any claims, damages or liability which I may ever have in connection with the taking or use of the images or printed material used with the images. I have read this release before signing, I understand its contents, meaning and impact, and I freely accept the terms.

Student Signature Date

Parent / Guardian Signature Date