

2011 BENNINGTON ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS

Everyone has a chance to win this scholarship!

Are you: *Continuing your education after you graduate?
 *Do you need some financial help to continue your education?

The Bennington Rotary Club is offering a total of five (5) \$2,000 scholarships to graduating students in each of the following categories:

1. Technical college or accredited trade school
2. Two-year college
3. Four-year college

The Bennington Rotary Club expects that the scholarship awarded will be used to reduce your family's share of college expenses, and is not intended to reduce any of the school's scholarships, grants, loans, or work-study awards to you.

Eligibility: Any graduating senior from Mount Anthony Union High School, or any educational institution in Bennington i.e., home school, Grace Christian, et al., or any Bennington County resident student even if enrolled in a school outside the county.

Selection criteria:

- The character of the applicant is of primary concern. This will be measured by the kinds of activities he/she has been involved in and the applicant's in-depth letter/personal narrative.
- Demonstrated school and community service (volunteering)
- Academic record: High school grades are one of the major factors in selection for assurance that the applicant is capable of doing work on the post-secondary level.
- Financial need is another important factor. On the application, students will be asked to outline the general nature of the family's financial situation. **It is not Rotary's intention to probe deeply into the family circumstances.** At the same time, it is not the intention of Rotary to provide assistance to those students who have the means of paying their own way through family assistance.
- Sons and daughters of Rotarians will be considered in the same light as other candidates.

Documents: In order to be considered, your application packet MUST include:

1. The completed Application Form and Family Financial Form
2. Your Personal Narrative Statement (typed) which must include a description of:
 - What you value most from your work, school and community activities
 - Your intended field of study and why you chose it
 - How this scholarship would benefit you
 - Your school transcript (obtain from the Counseling Office)
 - Two references (see attached form and make additional copies as needed)

Deadline: The deadline for applications is: May 16, 2011. All entries must be received by that date. Results will be announced on Senior Awards Night June 8, 2011. A letter and/or e-mail message confirming the award will be sent to scholarship recipients after Awards Night.

Application Assistance: Students who have questions, or who desire assistance completing the application may contact **Patricia Gordon Michael** or his/her school counselor.

Procedure: Completed application packets (signed application and financial forms, personal narrative statement, transcripts and references) should be sent to:

**Patricia Gordon Michael
Bennington Rotary Club Scholarship Committee
C/o Historic Park-McCullough
P.O. Box 388
1 Park Street
North Bennington, VT 05257**

PLEASE NOTE: *Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline of May 16, 2011 will not be considered.*

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REFERENCES

Applicant, please photocopy and provide the form on the following page to at least two references. One of your references should come from someone connected with your volunteer activities.

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FAMILY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(to be completed by parent/guardian)

RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

Help from parents/guardians (all sources) \$ _____
Student savings \$ _____
Other family support (trusts, grandparents,
step-parents, etc) \$ _____
Student's estimated summer earnings \$ _____
Social Security (if applicable) \$ _____

Total resources available: \$ _____

Has the institution to which your child has been accepted offered:

- A scholarship? No Yes (if yes, amount) \$ _____
- Work-study job? No Yes (if yes, amount) \$ _____

Please list all scholarships for which your child has applied (*check if received*):

<u>Name of Scholarship</u>	<u>Received?</u>	<u>Amount of Scholarship</u>
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	\$ _____

Please include any unusual financial conditions appropriate to this application:

We hereby certify that the above information is accurate and complete.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Student's signature: _____

Date _____

