

## 2025 COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

*Rotary's mission is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace under the motto 'Service Above Self'.*

The Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island's Community Service Scholarships are awarded to eligible applicants who demonstrate exemplary commitment to, and leadership in, community service. Award amounts this year may be up to \$5,000.

**Eligibility:** High school seniors graduating in the spring who maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, and who live and/or attend school on Bainbridge Island. Beyond the minimum GPA, neither academic record nor financial need is a consideration for selection.

**Purpose of this scholarship:** It is for educational advancement which may include technical/vocational programs, community colleges, or 4-year colleges/universities. The award is sent directly to the educational institution.

**Application requirements:** To be considered for the scholarship, all the following must be received by the application deadline. Note that a grade transcript is not needed.

- Completed Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island Community Service Scholarship Application.
- Two letters of recommendation from community members or others familiar with your service activities.
- (Optional) Supporting documents, such as certificates, letters of merit, awards, etc.

The application and any optional supporting documents, as listed above, must be transmitted together (preferably in a single PDF) and sent as an attachment via email to the address below. Letters of recommendation may be included or sent separately, at the discretion of the recommenders, to the same address.

**Submit application to:** [scholarship@bainbridgeislandrotary.org](mailto:scholarship@bainbridgeislandrotary.org).

**Application deadline:** Completed applications, including letters of recommendation, must be received by Rotary on or before Sunday, March 9, 2025, 11:59PM (23:59hrs). Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

**Interviews:** Finalists will be notified by March 25th and scheduled for 30-minute interviews. Interviews will take place on Saturday, March 29, 2025. (Because of tight timelines and the need to schedule multiple interviews, alternate interview dates are NOT available.) The interview format, whether in person or by teleconference, will depend on prevailing public health guidelines.

**For more information:**

- Rotary Club website, [www.bainbridgeislandrotary.org](http://www.bainbridgeislandrotary.org)
- For questions about the application process, Kathy Maher, [scholarship@bainbridgeislandrotary.org](mailto:scholarship@bainbridgeislandrotary.org)

## 2025 COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### I. Applicant Information

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last, First Middle

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS HOME: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATES: \_\_\_\_\_

To which schools have you applied, or do you plan to apply?

What will be your area of study? \_\_\_\_\_

What career do you plan to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Community Service Activities

Use the space below to identify community projects you have performed/participated in during the last five years. Do not include activities for which you were paid or sporting activities in which you were a player. List your service in descending order of significance to you. Attach additional typed pages if the space provided is insufficient.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION/PROJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF HOURS SERVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE:

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DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE:

TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Other Extracurricular Activities

Use the space below to list other extracurricular activities you have participated in during the last 5 years. These activities may include participation in sports teams, clubs, school leadership, and other extracurricular activities. Attach additional typed pages if the space provided is insufficient.

ACTIVITY	DATES
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_____	_____
_____	_____
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### IV. Employment and Internships

Use the space below to list any part-time, seasonal, and/or summer jobs you have had during the last 5 years. Attach additional typed pages if the space provided is insufficient.

JOB	EMPLOYER	DATES	PAID? (Y/N)	HOURS
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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## V. Essays

Please respond to each of the topics below in 300 words or less per topic. Attach additional typed pages if the space provided is insufficient.

1. Describe what motivated you to get involved in community service.

2. Describe a meaningful contribution you have made to your community, and any leadership roles you assumed while making this contribution. (For purposes of this question, you may define community however you view it, be it school, local, regional, or international.)

3. How have you balanced community service with the rest of your commitments?



4. What have your community service experiences done for you?



## VI. Signature

I attest that the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further attest that I have maintained a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or higher. If the information I have provided is found to be false, I understand that I will be ineligible to receive a Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island Scholarship.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

If completing this form electronically, your typed name constitutes your signature.