



THE RIDGWAY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

TO QUALIFY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP, YOU MUST BE A STUDENT FROM RIDGWAY ATTENDING A POST SECONDARY PROGRAM. APPLICANTS MUST GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL AND SHOULD DEMONSTRATE SERVICE TO HIS/HER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

For consideration this application must be completed and returned to the guidance office by

_____. The scholarship applications must be received at the Elk County Community Foundation office from your guidance office no later than April 1. There will be no exceptions. The Scholarship Selection Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Elk County Community Foundation, will select the scholarship recipient.

THE RIDGWAY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Ridgway Rotary Club has established the RIDGWAY ROTARY EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE scholarship for graduating seniors residing in the Ridgway Area School District who will be attending an institution of higher learning: college or vocational school. The RIDGWAY ROTARY EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE scholarship recognizes and rewards students who have demonstrated outstanding service to their school and community. The Ridgway Rotary Club regularly promotes education and literacy through its Dictionary Give Away Program, Elementary School Read Aloud Program, Students of the Month, 4-Way Test Speech Contest and now its Rotary EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE scholarship. Rotary club members are business and professional leaders who volunteer in their communities and promote world understanding and peace in 165 countries throughout the world. In addition to being the world's first and largest volunteer service organization.

TERMS FOR SCHOLARSHIP

The committee will grant the Ridgway Rotary Scholarship as instructed. The selection of students to receive scholarship grants shall be made by the committee without regard to race, religion or sex of the applicants or their political or economic perspectives. The committee will not place restrictions upon a candidate's choice of college or trade school.

The committee shall require, prior to the disbursement of any scholarship, proof that the scholarship recipient is actually enrolled as a student at the educational institution for which the grant is made, and all scholarship grants shall be paid only to the education institution attended by the recipient and never directly to the recipient. This grant is towards tuition, fees, and books for the applicable fall, winter, or spring term.

The Elk County Community Foundation is approved as a PATH Program participant.

If you are awarded a scholarship of at least \$500 from the Community Foundation we will submit your name to AES/PHEAA for additional scholarship funding through PATH. To be eligible for the PATH award, you must meet the following criteria: be enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania College or career school; be a State Grant recipient and have a Federal Student Loan; and demonstrate financial need for PATH Program Grant. PATH grants will not exceed the Maximum State Grant for the particular academic year.

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The Ridgway Rotary Scholarship

Educational Insights:

For the Summer/Fall Session, please list the names of the schools you have applied to. Indicate if you have been accepted to or are waiting to hear from the school.

1) _____
Have you been accepted? Y N

2) _____
Have you been accepted? Y N

3) _____
Have you been accepted? Y N

4) _____
Have you been accepted? Y N

Financial Information:

Please enter your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number that can be found on the top of your Student Aid Report (SAR), which is generated after completing your Free Application for

Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA): _____. If this number is not available at the time of submitting the application, please provide details as to the status of FAFSA. Please fax or call the Community Foundation office when the number becomes available.

Family Taxable Income: _____

Other Family Financial Assets or Resources: _____

Number of Dependents in Family _____ Number of other siblings in College _____

Applicant's Anticipated Financial Aid _____

***Anticipated Financial Aid should be listed specifically that is known at this time, (scholarship, grant, loan, work-study) and list the amount awarded for each. ***

Attachments:

- Please attach an activity resume that highlights all of the Service Activities in which you have participated that demonstrate concern for your fellow human beings in school and community. Include names of service experiences and total hours for each, over the past two year period. Service experiences are defined as unpaid volunteer assistance hours that benefit the community or non-related individuals. Community Service hours required for graduation or as part of the service to the school do not count toward this scholarship. The hours must be in addition to required service hours!
- Please attach a short, essay (200-250 words) focusing **on how you have demonstrated Service to your school and community and how these experiences have contributed to your life.** State which institution of higher learning you will be attending and list the major concentration you will be pursuing and why. The essay should be written with 1 1/2 inch spacing, margins justified, 12-point font in Times New Roman. Check for neatness, spelling and grammar, it is part of the scoring of the essay.

I attest that all personal data included within this application is truthful and in no way misleading. All contents have been completed entirely by me (the applicant) to the best of my knowledge.

If I am selected as a recipient of an Elk County Community Foundation scholarship, I agree to permit the Foundation to confer with my school to verify my continuing enrollment during the term of my scholarship. I also agree that my name and photograph can be used in announcements made by the Elk County Community Foundation regarding the particular scholarship(s) for which I have been awarded. I also agree that by signing this I permit my high school to give the Elk County Community foundation information regarding my SAT scores, ACT scores, GPA, and class rank.

Awards may be used at any accredited, post graduate program within the United States.

Signature of Applicant

Date of Signature