



SCHOLARSHIP LETTER TO STUDENTS  
JANUARY 2026

Dear Rotary Scholarship Applicants:

The Chippewa Falls Rotary Club is but one club in a vast and strong international organization. Rotary has many ideals that help form the clubs future vision. Rotary International is an international service organization, dedicated to advancing goodwill and peace in our communities. This is acknowledged by our motto “Service Above Self.” Our local Chippewa Falls club puts numerous hours in giving back to the community and working local events to raise money to give back to our community through grants and student scholarships.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of their occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to their personal, business, and community life;
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

One of the international goals is to empower youth to secure the opportunity to gain educational and leadership skills. Our local club has chosen to accomplish this goal by providing up to **\$5000** in scholarships to qualified high school graduating seniors of both Chi-Hi and McDonell, who are pursuing a post-secondary education.

Each applicant is asked to carefully follow and fulfill the criteria outlines on the application form. Note that you are responsible for securing a copy of your current student transcript that your counselor should include with your application.

Your application form must be completed and returned **to your counselor by April 15, 2026**. To ensure our receipt of a complete application, please be sure to confirm with your counselor the transcript has been included.

Rotary wishes you well in your educational ventures of the future.

Sincerely,

Tom Seaholm  
Chairman  
Rotary Club Scholarship Committee

## Rotary Scholarship Application – Please answer on a separate sheet.

Indicate the University, College or Technical College you are applying to or have been accepted to: \_\_\_\_\_

1. State your educational and career goals
2. List all service projects/work you have been involved in from 9<sup>th</sup> grade to present and the level of involvement in each

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster a mindset of Service Above Self by applying the ethical guide that all Rotarians use called the Rotary Four-Way Test for personal and professional relationships. It is as follows:

-Is it the TRUTH?

-Is it FAIR to all concerned?

-Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

-Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

3. Because Rotarians choose to live their lives with a Service Above Self mentality and by applying the Four-Way Test in situations they encounter, we award this scholarship to those we feel most epitomize what it means to be a Rotarian and place the most weight on your response to this question. Please describe how Rotary's ideals of Service Above Self and/or the Four-Way Test apply to your life now and how these ideals will guide you as you enter new phases of your life, both professional and personal.

Please indicate the best contact information for you after graduation:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_