## Rotary Club of South Whidbey Island Scholarship Application

Effective school year 2022-2023

A supplement to the South Whidbey High School General Application Form for:

The Jordan Shelley Memorial Scholarship for studies in the natural sciences The Levi Watanabe Memorial Scholarship for studies in the humanities Rotary Club of South Whidbey Island general scholarships

To apply for one of the above scholarships you must meet the following criteria:

- You must have a permanent residence on South Whidbey Island that is within the boundaries of the South Whidbey High School District
- You must be under 25 years of age and a high school senior or first-year student in an accredited post-secondary educational program
- Previous scholarship recipients who are currently enrolled in their first year of post-secondary education may apply. No more than two scholarships will be awarded to any individual.

If selected for a scholarship, funding will only be provided with proof of enrollment at an accredited post-secondary educational institution that offers an academic, vocational, or apprenticeship program.

<u>Instructions</u>: <u>All applicants</u> must complete and submit the current South Whidbey High School Local Scholarship General Application Form.

You must include your current high school transcript with your application. If you are enrolled in a post-secondary educational program you must include your current school and high school transcripts. Your application will not be reviewed if it does not include all required transcripts.

Your application must include a list of your extracurricular activities, community service, and employment in chronological order, beginning with 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Please include any leadership positions you may have held while participating in these activities. The SWHS general application form includes a sheet for listing your activities and accomplishments.

In addition to the SWHS General Application Form, your application must include the following:

- A minimum of two letters of recommendation from a community leader, recent employer, coach, mentor, or person under whose direction you worked on a volunteer basis. Letters from family members will not be accepted. The writers should specifically address who they are, how long they have known you, your character and accomplishments, and how this scholarship will benefit you.

- Each applicant must submit a written essay that is a minimum of one page and a maximum of two pages in length (normal margins, single space, size 12 font).

Your essay should include your educational or vocational plans and how a Rotary scholarship will help you achieve your goals. You are welcome to address your background, accomplishments, future aspirations, or any other information you would like to convey to the scholarship committee. As Rotary is a service organization, your essay should include examples of service you have rendered to our community, or how this scholarship and your future education will allow you to give back to our local, national, or worldwide community.

Application forms, letters, essays, and other information provided by applicants will be reviewed solely by the members of the Rotary Club of South Whidbey Island scholarship committee. All materials will be destroyed following the selection of the scholarship recipients.

Scholarship funds will be forwarded to the recipients' schools of record upon proof of enrollment.

The deadline for submitting a scholarship application is May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Applicants may email or mail their application.

Email a PDF file consisting of all required documents (SHWS General Application Form; Transcript(s); Extracurricular Activities, Community Service, Employment; Letters of Recommendation; and Essay) to <u>rotaryclubsouthwhidbey@gmail.com</u>.

or

Mail your SHWS General Application Form; Transcript(s); Extracurricular Activities, Community Service, Employment; Letters of Recommendation; and Essay to:

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