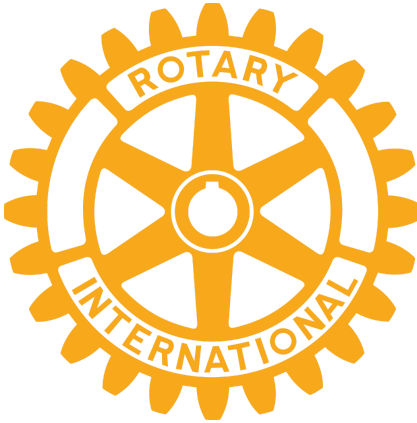# LEDYARD ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

With financial support from the **ROTARY CLUB OF LEDYARD**, the **LEDYARD ROTARY FOUNDATION** annually awards scholarships, ranging from $750.00 to $1500.00 to college and trade school-bound students. In awarding scholarships, we are not seeking students with perfect credentials, but rather we're seeking people with potential to do well academically, to thrive in the workplace, and to be of service to their communities in the Rotary tradition of **Service above Self**. We seek to make awards to people for whom scholarship funds will have the greatest impact.

Applications must be submitted no later than May 1

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for a Ledyard Rotary Club Scholarship an applicant must:

· Be a senior graduating from Ledyard High School/Gales Ferry/Ledyard Resident AND
· Plan to pursue a degree or certification program at an accredited 2 - or 4 - year college
· Plan to pursue a degree or certification program at a vocational educational institution.

OR

· Be a senior graduating from a local Vocational/Tech School/Gales Ferry/Ledyard Resident AND
· Plan to pursue a degree or certification program at an accredited 2 - or 4 - year college
· Plan to pursue a degree or certification program at a vocational educational institution.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Applications are evaluated based on a combination of the following criteria:

· Community Service
· Extracurricular and Work Activities
· Academic Record and Potential for Growth

About Rotary

Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 34,000 Rotary clubs located around the globe. The Rotary Motto is "Service Above Self." Local Rotary clubs develop service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence.

Since its founding in 1987, **The Rotary Club of Ledyard** has served the local community in many ways. In addition to engaging in service activities, the club has made charitable donations and major gifts to numerous not-for-profit organizations in the area, such as The Linda C. Davis Food Pantry, Ledyard Libraries, Ledyard Youth & Social Services, and the Ledyard Beautification Committee. More information about the club is available at https://www.ledyardrotary.org.

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IMPORTANT DATES

May 1st Deadline for Completed Application Submission

- **MAY** Finalists will be invited to a personal interview with the Scholarship Committee
- **JUNE** Scholarship recipients are invited to attend a Ledyard Rotary Club morning meeting

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

☑ **Rotary Scholarship Application Form**

☑ **Description/List of Activities and Accomplishments**. List up to 5 applicable activities/accomplishments in each of the following categories. List those most important to you first.

   o **Community Service** – Describe any social service or volunteer experience you have had, and the amount of time spent on such experience.
   o **Work Experience** – Describe any jobs held during your high school career and the number of hours per week spent at work.
   o **Extracurricular Activities**- Describe extracurricular or out-of-school activities you have been involved in, how long you have been involved in each, and how much time you spend on each in a typical week (please choose a maximum of 5 music, sports, student clubs, or other organizations).

☑ **Essay** Your application should include a short, original essay, of no longer than 500 words, on the following topic: Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self." Describe how you have demonstrated commitment to this ideal.

☑ **Two one-page letters of recommendation** from individuals outside of academics (can not be a parent or other relative) showcasing your community service.

☑ **Copy of High School Transcript**

IMPORTANT NOTES

All elements of the application are required - turn packet in to the High School Guidance Office, mail to Ledyard Rotary 12 Van Tassel Dr Gales Ferry, CT 06335 or email LedyardRotary@gmail.com

All selection decisions are final and are not subject to appeal. Applications and supporting documents become the sole property of the Rotary Club of Ledyard and cannot be returned. We regret that we can only notify finalists of their award status.

The Rotary Club of Ledyard and the Ledyard Rotary Foundation reserve the unqualified right and discretion to withhold some or all of an award and/or delay an award due to insufficient academic performance, as determined by the Foundation.

LEDYARD ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Name_____
Last   First   Middle

Address_____
Street   City   State   Zip

Phone(   ) _____ Email _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Academic Performance Information

Name of High School Attending:_____

College/Post-Secondary Education Information

Name of College(s) or Vocational Ed Institution 2yr/4yr/Other Admitted (yes /waiting?) Enrolled?

(Name)_____ _____ _____ _____

(Name)_____ _____ _____ _____

I am applying for the Scholarship

____ Wes Johnson Jr Scholarship:Gales Ferry/Ledyard Resident attending Ledyard High School

____ Fred Allyn Jr Scholarship: Gales Ferry/Ledyard Resident attending a local Vocational/Tech School

Certification / Signature

I certify that the information provided on and with this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as of the date given.

Student Signature_____ Date_____