



2026 LEDYARD ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The **LEDYARD ROTARY FOUNDATION**, supported by the Rotary Club of Ledyard, annually awards scholarships, ranging from \$750 to \$1,500, 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, thrive in the workplace, serve their communities in the Rotary tradition of **Service above Self**. We seek to award scholarships that will have the greatest impact on the students that receive them.

Applications must be submitted no later than May 1

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for Ledyard Rotary Scholarships must meet the following criteria:

- Be a senior Gales Ferry or Ledyard resident graduating from Ledyard High School (Wes Johnson Memorial Scholarship) or a local vocational/technical high school (Fred Allyn, Jr. Scholarship)

AND

- Plan to pursue a degree or certification program at an accredited 2 - or 4 - year college or 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 many local not-for-profit organizations, such as The Linda C. Davis Food Pantry, Ledyard Libraries, Ledyard Youth & Social Services, and the Ledyard Beautification Committee. The club motto is "Help Us Help Others" and more information about the club is available at <https://www.ledyardrotary.org>.

LEDYARD ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 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

- Scholarship Application Form** - completed
- List and Description of Activities and Accomplishments.** List up to 5 applicable activities or accomplishments in each of the following categories. List those most important to you first.
 - **Community Service** – Describe any social service or volunteer experience you have had, and the amount of time spent on each experience.
 - **Work Experience** – Describe any jobs held during your high school career and the number of hours per week spent at work.
 - **Extracurricular Activities**- Describe extra-curricular or out-of-school activities you have participated in, how long you have been involved in each, and how much time you spend on each in a typical week. Only include the five most important of these activities (music, sports, student clubs, etc.)
- Essay** provide a short, original essay, 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 Letters of Recommendation. Provide one-page letters of recommendation** from two individuals outside of academics (cannot be a parent or other relative) showcasing your community service.
- Transcript** – provide a copy of your high school transcript

All elements of the application are required – submit the completed packet no later than May 1st by one of these three methods:

- Turn completed packet to the high school guidance office
- Mail the completed packet to Ledyard Rotary Club 12 Van Tassel Dr. Gales Ferry, CT 06335
- E-mail digital copies of all documents to 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.

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

College(s) or Vocational Ed Institution(s)

_____	2yr / 4yr / other	yes / waiting	yes / not yet
Name	Type	Admitted?	Enrolled?

_____	2yr / 4yr / other	yes / waiting	yes / not yet
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I am applying for:

- ____ Wes Johnson Memorial 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 _____

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