



Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarships

GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarships is to forge a link between Rotary and the development of skilled professionals. Rotary District 6910 is prepared to award needs-based Education Scholarships to qualified applicants with a one-time award of \$2,000 to one student per Rotary Club for a total of five (5) scholarships awarded annually, not to exceed \$10,000. District 6910 Rotary Clubs are asked to seek qualified graduating high school students and encourage them to prepare the Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarship Application.¹

We seek to identify candidates who:

- Possess excellent leadership skills and potential,
- Have demonstrated a personal commitment to community service,
- Have well-defined and realistic goals,
- Have concrete ideas as to how to make academic advances within a career field, and
- Are sincere about maintaining a lifelong relationship with Rotary.

Note: This scholarship program is not to be confused with, and is separate from, the Global Grants Scholarship Program that is sponsored also by Rotary District 6910 and The Rotary Foundation.

ROTARY CLUBS' DISTRICT 6910 ELIGIBILITY

A District 6910 Rotary Club must be a Foundation-Qualified Club in order to recommend an Applicant for the District Scholarship. This is the same process as for Clubs to qualify for a District Grant. If the Club is qualified and has signed the District Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), no further action is needed.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY & REQUIREMENTS

District 6910 Scholarship Applicants must be graduating high school seniors who plan to study at a Georgia public postsecondary² institution for one or more years and are pursuing a career in one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus:

- Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Disease Prevention & Treatment
- Water & Sanitation
- Maternal & Child Health
- Basic Education & Literacy
- Economic & Community Development
- Environment

¹ For the District 6910 Education Scholarship Application, See...
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² Postsecondary institutions include colleges, universities, and/or technical colleges.

It is important to ensure that candidates are aware of The Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus and are clear as to how they will pursue their studies and future professional endeavors with these areas in mind.

Specific eligibility requirements and conditions for District 6910 Scholarships include:

- Applicants must be sponsored and recommended by a Rotary Club in District 6910.
- Applicants must have high ethical standards demonstrated in their personal and academic lives.
- Applicants must be graduating high school seniors.
- Applicants must have a primary residence in District 6910.
- Scholarships are needs-based. Students must submit a copy of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Report and/or a Pell Grant Approval.
- Applicants must apply to, and be accepted by, a Georgia public postsecondary institution.
- Scholarship funds may be used **only** for tuition and fees, university/college housing, meals, books, and other required academic supplies.
- Scholarship funds will be deposited **only** into the recipients' institution accounts.
- Recipients are expected to take a full-time course load (usually between 12-15 credit hours) per semester.
- Recipients must maintain a 2.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) or above in all courses and send the End-of-Semester Report including end-of-course transcript to the District Scholarship Committee.
- During the scholarship period, recipients must attend at least one meeting of the Rotary Club that sponsors them or a Rotary Club in their locale.
- Rotarians, honorary Rotarians, and employees of District 6910, other Rotary entities, or Rotary International and their lineal descendants (children or grandchildren by blood, legal adoption, or marriage without adoption) may not apply for District 6910 Scholarships. Additionally, brothers and sisters of Rotarians are ineligible for the scholarship.
- Applicants must complete the Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarships Application found at www.rotarydistrict6910.org
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- Applicants must send the application and all requested information electronically to the Sponsoring Rotary Club's Scholarship Committee.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarship Application Process includes four steps:

Step 1: Applicants must be sponsored by a District 6910 Rotary Club. Additionally, they must complete the District 6910 Education Scholarship Application and all its requirements and submit it electronically to the Sponsoring Rotary Club, adhering to the application timelines, indicated below.

Applicants must provide:

- Proof of acceptance in a Georgia postsecondary institution.
- A copy of their FAFSA Report and/or Pell Grant Approval.
- Proof of primary residence in District 6910.
- Official high school and/or postsecondary transcripts.

NOTE: If the following have not been received by the deadline for submission of the application to District 6910, please indicate that the verification is pending:

- Letter(s) of acceptance in a Georgia public postsecondary institution and
- FAFSA Report, and/or Pell Grant approval.

Please send these as soon as they are available to rotarytina@gmail.com.

Additionally, Applicants must give the Letter of Recommendation Form (Appendix A) to someone other than a family member and who knows them well. The Letter will be sent electronically to the Sponsoring Rotary Club by the writer of the recommendation.

Step 2: The sponsoring Rotary Club must review the application and other requirements. If approved, the Club will interview the Applicant to verify that he or she is in keeping with Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarships goals, objectives, and eligibility requirements. If the Applicant is endorsed and is determined to be in keeping with Rotary’s goals, objectives, and eligibility requirements, then the Club shall forward the application and other required information to the District Education Scholarship Committee for review via rotarytina@gmail.com.

Step 3: After the application is verified by the District 6910 Education Scholarship Committee, the Applicant will be interviewed virtually or in person by the District 6910 Education Scholarship Selection Team. A representative of the Club (i.e., Club President, Club Youth Services Chair, or other designated Club member) must participate in the District interview process. Within one week after the interview, the Applicant and Sponsoring Club will be notified whether or not the Applicant will receive the scholarship.

Step 4: If the Applicant is approved by the District Education Scholarship Committee, the funds will be transferred to the student’s account at the postsecondary institution at the appropriate time identified by the institution. This will be coordinated with the Rotary District 6910 Treasurer.

The recipients and members of the Sponsoring Clubs will be invited to the District 6910 Conference in April for recognition.

TIMELINES FOR SELECTING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Note: The Timelines below are subject to change. Changes will be announced on DACdb and on the District 6910 Website.

Application Timelines for Fall Semester 2025	
Applications Are Accepted by District 6910 from the Sponsoring Rotary Club	December 1, 2024 – February 15, 2025
The Deadline for Submission of Applications to District 6910	February 15, 2025
Applicants & Rotary Clubs Are Notified Whether or Not the Applicant Is Selected for Interviews	By February 21, 2025
Interviews Are Conducted	Last Week in February
Applicants & the Sponsoring Rotary Club Are Notified Whether or Not the Applicant Will Receive the Scholarship	No Later than March 3, 2025
Scholarship Recipients Will Be Recognized at the Rotary District 6910 Conference	April 2025

CLUBS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN SPONSORING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS & RECIPIENTS

In order for a Rotary Club to recommend an Applicant for the District Scholarship, it must be a Foundation-Qualified Club and must have signed the District Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Rotary Clubs in District 6910 may nominate graduating high school seniors who meet eligibility requirements.

To become a District 6910 Education Scholarship sponsoring Rotary Club:

- Discuss the opportunity with your Club President and Board.
- Promote the opportunity within your locale through a variety of media and local high school(s).
- Appoint a Club Scholarship Committee to:
 - Promote scholarships,
 - Accept and review applications and other requirements,
 - Interview Applicants, and
 - Submit approved applications electronically to the District 6910 Education Scholarship Committee via rotarytina@gmail.com.
- Appoint one or more Club members to serve as Sponsor(s) for the student, to be available to assist the student, including but not limited to:
 - Completing the application and other eligibility requirements,
 - Participating in the District interview process for the recommended Applicant,
 - Communicating frequently with the recipient, and
 - Assisting with the End-of-Semester Report as required by District 6910.

The roles and responsibilities of a sponsoring Club are,

- Sponsoring Clubs must:
 - Receive and review the application and required supporting documents.
 - Verify the required documents.
 - Interview the Applicant, if the application and supporting documents are acceptable to the Club.
 - Ascertain that the primary residence of the Applicant is in District 6910.
 - Ascertain that the Applicant fully understands the goals, objectives, and eligibility criteria of the District 6910 Education Scholarship.
 - After the interview and if the Club plans to endorse the Applicant, prepare the Rotary Club Endorsement Form (Appendix B).
 - Send, electronically, the application, supporting documents, the Letter of Recommendation, and Appendix B to the District 6910 Scholarship Committee via rotarytina@gmail.com.
 - Prepare to participate in the interview by the District Education Scholarship Selection Team, should the District request an interview with a representative of the Club and the Applicant.
- If the Applicant is approved by the District Scholarship Committee, the Sponsoring Club will develop a relationship with the student and serve as an ongoing source of support during the student's scholarship period and beyond.
- The Sponsoring Club will invite the student to be a guest at Club meetings and to participate in service activities and social events.
- During the period of the student's scholarship, it is important for the Club to maintain contact with the student through various media. This is an excellent way to convey the Club's support for the student while giving Club members the opportunity to see their influence in a student's life.

- Clubs are encouraged to invite the student to make a presentation at a Club meeting and to assist with scheduling presentations for other Clubs and/or District events. Clubs should encourage the student to attend the District 6910 Conference, usually in early April.

CONCLUSION

The Rotary District 6910 Education Scholarship has the potential to significantly impact deserving graduating high school students, individual Rotary Clubs, District 6910, and the world beyond by supporting those who would not otherwise have the resources to prepare for service in one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus. It is anticipated that individual Rotary Clubs and the District will build long-term relationships with scholarship recipients and, over time, document their service contributions. These contributions will be recognized and celebrated!