About Us:

The Orange County East Rotary Foundation is dedicated to the principles of Rotary International in promoting the philosophy of “Service Above Self”. This philosophy is our compass by which we, as Rotarians, conduct our personal and business lives. It is also our driving philosophy by which we annually look for a young student who exemplifies these traits. In bestowing this scholarship, we look beyond high scholastic grades, for students of need and average grade point, who perhaps would not otherwise have the financial opportunity to meet their desire to advance their education. The awarded student will receive a $12,000.00, four year scholarship ($3000.00 p/yr.). The Orange County East Rotary Foundation also reserves the right to grant additional scholarship award(s) in amount(s) determined in its sole discretion, depending on the availability of funds and the quality of applications received.

Following are the requirements and application form for those students of the following eligible Orange/Seminole County Florida high schools—Lake Howell, University, Colonial and Winter Park—who would like to apply for our scholarship to attend a college or university of their choice, which is accredited by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges or similar accreditation authority.

Eligibility: Student must be a high school senior enrolled at one of the four high schools listed above and have a weighted GPA between 2.5 and 3.2. Relatives of members of the Orange County East Rotary Club, Inc. are not eligible.

Considerations: The Rotary OCE selection committee will consider the following in their scholarship decision making process: • Creative Ability • Community Involvement • Academic Achievement • Obstacles Overcome • Quality of Character • Meaningful Objectives Achieved • Life Goals & Interest • Demonstrated Leadership and Athletic Involvement.

Deadline for Application submission for the 2016 Scholarship Award
Student must submit completed application with two letters of recommendation from non-family members to their counselor by October 3, 2016.
Counselors must review, sign & postmark applications with official transcripts via US mail by November 2, 2016.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENT: Complete the front page of this application and submit it to your guidance counselor along with your responses to the eight questions listed on the following page. (Note: You must use this form). If you need more space use no more than a total of two (2) additional blank pages for your responses to the eight questions, one (1) page for questions 1-5 and one (1) page for questions 6-8.

Your ability to follow our directions precisely and to get your point across using only two extra pages is an important part of what we will be looking at when processing your application. Print your entries on the front page of this application and type your responses to the eight questions using at least a 10pt font, black ink, white single-sided 8.5 by 11 inch pages, single-spaced with at least 1/2 inch margins.
You must submit the completed application by the deadline date listed above to your counselor so that she/he may have time to verify the accuracy, integrity and content of your responses before they send it to us. Counselors are invited to comment confidentially if they wish. A limited number of finalists will be selected from the applications received and such finalists will be interviewed by the Rotary OCE selection committee.

I. Activities Questionnaire: Use the attached page plus no more than 1 (one) single-sided piece of paper to list as many of your most important activities related to each of the five highlighted categories below, listing activities from your high school years only. Using 2 or 3 lines for each listing: name the activity, how much time you spent, positions you held, what you personally did and what you gained from the experience.

1. Creative Achievements: (art, music, singing, writing, photography, intellectual pursuits, etc.)
2. Physical Achievements: (team sports, dance, marching band, outdoorsmanship, exercise, etc.)
3. Clubs/Organizations: (social, academic, religious, leadership, political, activist, on or off campus, etc.)
4. Honors/Awards/Distinctions: (prizes, certificates, recognition, academic and others, etc.)
5. Community Involvement / Work Experience: (volunteerism, employment, activism, etc.)

Use the following examples of French Club and Wal-Mart as the models for each activity you list:

Example 1: French Club, 2 years, Secretary during senior year. Helped arrange field trip to Monet exhibit, wrote the club's constitution in French, spent a week speaking only in French. Gained increased appreciation for other cultures, will probably minor in French in college.

Example 2: Worked at Wal-Mart 2 summers and part-time during school year. Stocked shelves and helped customers. Rounded up shopping carts and lost kids. Gained more respect for earning my own money and being reliable and I paid my own car insurance.

II. Your Personal Statements: Use the attached plus no more than one (1) single-sided piece of paper to respond to questions 6-8 listed below. Please make sure you are brief with your responses and use your best grammar.

6. What kind of person are you? Tell us about your character and give us an example(s). (According to Webster’ Dictionary, character is an attribute or feature that makes up and distinguishes an individual, the complex of philosophical, mental and ethical traits individualizing a person.)

7. If everything goes the way you hope, what will your life be like ten years from now?

8. What do you hope to accomplish in your lifetime?

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: Please complete the counselor's box on the first page of the attached application. Counselors may reproduce this application but may not share them with other high schools. Please distribute our application to any student with a weighted GPA between 2.5 and 3.2 (no exceptions). Please select the top two candidates and send both applications and official transcripts from your high school in one envelope to facilitate processing. If there is a student from your high school selected, our liaison will contact the counselor by December 1, 2016.

HAND DELIVER TO ROTARY LIAISONS OR SEND APPLICATIONS VIA U. S. MAIL TO:
Rotary Club of Orange County East • P.O. Box 1566 • Winter Park, FL 32790

--Karla H. Starkey, Chairman
Rotary Club of Orange County East Foundation
RotaryOCE Scholarship Application

(Please note: For your added convenience, this application and above instructions is available on-line at our website http://www.rotaryoce.org/scholarship/ in PDF format. This application and required pages may be filled-in from our website and printed to your computer’s printer or downloaded and manually filled-in per previous instructions.

**Student** (Please fill in following information – print or type)  

Are You a Senior? ____________

Does your family income exceed $100,000.00?  
Yes ____  No ____

Is your weighted GPA between 2.5 and 3.2?  
Yes ____  No ____

Top 3 School Choices: __________________________________________

Name: ___________________________ Last: ___________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________ Social Security No: ___________________________

Sex: M __  F __  Ethnic Origin (optional) __________________________________________

Email Address: __________________________________________

Home Address (Street): __________________________________________

City: __________________________________________

State: ___________ Zip: ___________ Home Tel No: ___________________________

Cell No: ___________________________ Work No: ___________________________

Name of Parent / Guardian: __________________________________________

High School (Name): __________________________________________

Student Signature: __________________________________________  Date: ___________

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________________________  Date: ___________

Note: Your signature here certifies that your application is accurate and that you are aware some material from this application may be released to the media, should you be selected a Scholar. I hereby consent that the Orange County East Rotary Foundation, Inc. and the Orange County East Rotary Club, Inc. have my permission to use my name, portrait or testimony for broadcast and print purposes. I understand that the material in which I will appear may, or may not, be used for commercial purposes. If you are under 18, your parent/guardian must sign as well.

I have reviewed this student's application and submit that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. A official transcript of the applying student is attached.

**Counselor Name** (Print) __________________________________________  Date: ___________

**Counselor Signature** __________________________________________
Activities Questionnaire

Use this form to answer questions per instructions on your school activities and achievements. You may fill-out and print this on-line form. Attach additional page if more space is required.

1. Creative Achievements

2. Physical Achievements

3. Clubs/Organizations

4. Honors/Awards/Distinctions

5. Community Involvement/Work Experience
Your Personal Statements

Per previous instructions in this application, with brevity and in paragraph form, please answer questions 6, 7 and 8 in the copy blocks below. You may also attach one (1) additional page if more space is required.

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