



# APPLICATION CRITERIA

## *Rotary Club of Greenville – Service Above Self Scholarship*

**The Service Above Self Scholarship is a renewable grant of up to \$5,000 per year for 4 years  
It is awarded to a Greenville County graduating high school senior  
with exceptional community service and academic performance.  
TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE SERVICE ABOVE SELF SCHOLARSHIP,  
THE APPLICANT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:**

**Initial Application:**

1. Students living in Greenville County and graduates of high school programs within Greenville County are eligible to apply. Private school and home-school students are eligible. An applicant may participate in the program for a maximum of four years.
2. Application requirements include:
  - a. Official transcripts and copies of SAT/ACT scores as applicable
  - b. 2 Letters of recommendation (one must be from an organization where community service was performed or by someone who is able to verify some portion of the community service work.)
  - c. Essay (guidelines provided in document: Essay Guidelines)
  - d. Resume/C.V. that outlines community service work, academic, sports, and other extra-curricular activities
  - e. FAFSA financial aid summary page that includes the EFC number (Financial need is not the primary consideration, but it may be used in the decision making process)
  - f. Final candidates will be required to attend an in-person interview in Greenville. Effort will be made to avoid any conflict with school schedules, so transportation to/from a late afternoon or weekend interview may be required.
3. Applications should be submitted on or before April 1st. These should be mailed to the office of the Rotary Club of Greenville. The current postal address is available on the club website at: [www.greenvillerotary.org](http://www.greenvillerotary.org).

*The winner will be selected as the student who best exemplifies the Rotary motto of “Service Above Self” through their contribution to their community and future potential to continue to further the Rotary mission:*

*The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.*

**Ongoing Qualification:**

1. Students must be attending full-time an accredited or qualified post-secondary school.
2. Students must meet the **minimum Grade Point Average requirement of 3.0 at all times**. Exceptions may be judged on a case by case basis and subject to additional service work requirements if falling below 3.0.
3. Students must **perform 100 hours of community service throughout the academic year** beginning August 1 of each year. Hours will be logged, and service performed will be verified. This equates to roughly 2 hours per week on average, but can be done in any increment of time, as some projects may be conducted over a period of several days at a time.
4. Students will provide **one 5 minute presentation to a Rotary Club in District 7750 each year**. The year begins August 1 annually, beginning in the year they begin enrollment to the University.
5. Students will prepare a short essay (1-2 pages) each year highlighting what they did, how they feel their service work impacted others, and what they learned from it themselves.
6. All scholarship funds will be paid in full directly to the institution at the beginning of each term. If a student requires special consideration or alternative arrangements, then receipts may be required to verify that expenses are academically related and required.
7. Our goal is that students will remain engaged in community service and continue to grow in their ability to create a positive impact on the lives of others in their community.

**CHECK LIST OF DOCUMENTS THAT NEED TO BE SUBMITTED:**

MAIL (no hand deliveries or email) the COMPLETED application and copies of the following documents **on or before April 1st** to:  
Rotary Club of Greenville – Scholarship Committee - 728 N. Pleasantburg Drive - Greenville, SC 29607

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| a. Official transcripts & test scores | _____ |
| b. 2 Letters of recommendation        | _____ |
| c. Essay                              | _____ |
| d. Resume / C.V.                      | _____ |
| e. FAFSA report                       | _____ |

The Rotary Club of Greenville does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or age in the recruitment and consideration of applicants for the scholarship program.