

West Point / Highland Falls Rotary
P.O. Box 101
West Point, NY 10996

3 March 2009

Dear Senior in the Class of 2009,

The West Point / Highland Falls Rotary is pleased to announce that we will be awarding scholarships to successful applicants from the Class of 2009 attending James I. O'Neill High School *or* eligible to attend but electing to go to high school elsewhere. These scholarships are for tuition, books and other expenses that are directly related to academic advancement.

To be considered for these scholarships students must be in senior status and attending or eligible to attend James I. O'Neill High School. *However*, if a student has chosen to attend another high school instead of O'Neill (i.e. Burke or NYMA), they are just as eligible to compete for these scholarships and are encouraged to apply. We intend to limit the award of our scholarships to graduates who do not have full tuition scholarships from other sources.

We wish to emphasize that we are interested in awarding scholarships not only to those that are attending formal college studies but also to those that are pursuing advanced studies for careers in technical or vocational trades. We in Rotary feel strongly that all disciplines are important and contribute to the success of society.

Rotary International is a service organization. Our motto is "*Service Above Self*". Our four-way test serves to exemplify proper ethical behavior in all professions. We strive to ensure that we always work for the truth. We attempt to solve issues so that they are fair to all involved. We want the solutions to build goodwill and better friendships to those involved. Lastly, we make every effort to obtain results that will be beneficial to all concerned. This is our standard in all we think, say or do. This is an ethic that we wish students in the Class of 2009 consider applying in their many future interactions as global citizens.

Our intention this year is to award up to five graduating seniors with scholarships. The total budget for college, technical or vocational training scholarships this year is \$3,000. There will be one Ursula Jordan Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 and the remainder of the awards will be based on the number and merit of successful applicants.

The other members of the Rotary Scholarship Committee for this year have not yet been appointed. However, like we have done in recent years, the committee will review all of the applications and make recommendations for selection to our local Rotary Chapter President.

Criteria for award selection consist of the following five areas:

1. Reflective essay on service to others (30%)
2. School and Community Service activities (30%)
3. Two adult recommendations (20%)
4. Description of future goals and plans to accomplish those goals (10%)
5. Academic Transcript for High School years (10%)

If using this internet site we ask that you mail your completed application to WestPoint / Highland Falls Rotary, Attention Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 101, West Point, NY 10996 to be received no later than 1 May 2009.

Sincerely,

Jason Lynch
Chairman, Rotary Scholarship Committee 2009



2009 West Point/Highland Falls ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, 1 May 2009

Applicant's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

1. To be considered for this scholarship students must be eligible to enroll in and graduate from James I. O'Neill High School in June 2009. However, if a student voluntarily attended another high school instead of O'Neill (i.e. Burke or NYMA), they are just as eligible to compete for this scholarship and are encouraged to apply. Students from Highland Falls, Ft. Montgomery, Garrison, West Point, and Saint Basil's Academy traditionally attend James I. O'Neill High School.
2. This Application Form (2 pages) must be completed and used as the coversheet for each application. All of the requirements of this application can be provided as attachments. If you choose to use attachments, please indicate on this form that you used another sheet of paper to answer the requirement. Make sure it is clear what part of this application your attachment supports. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Be sure to provide your name and graduation date on each sheet of paper submitted.
3. Please attach a personal essay (typed or hand written) of no more than three pages describing your most significant act of service to others and what impact it had on your life (30 % points).
4. Please list all school and community (service and extra curricular) activities in which you have organized/participated during High School. List for each of these activities the name of a person who supervised or advised each activity, your position in that activity and the period(s) in which you participated. (30 % points).

Please use the following format:

Period (from to)	Activity	Position Held	Advisor/Supervisor

5. Please attach two recommendations from two adults (non-family member) who can comment on the value and degree of effort you contributed to individual service activities or Community Projects (20% points).

6. Please briefly describe your educational and personal goals following high school graduation. Explain how this award could help you achieve your goals. (10% points).

7. Please provide a copy of your academic transcript. Copies of academic awards and achievements may be provided at the applicant’s discretion (10 % points).

8. Please provide a list of all other scholarships you have applied for or plan to apply for. Please indicate the type of scholarship you are applying for (specific sum of money or full scholarships) and any additional information that pertains to the scholarships (i.e. full scholarship just covers tuition).

Name of Scholarship	Type	Applied for or Received	Additional Information

9. All applications for the 2009 Rotary Scholarships must be completed and mailed to WestPoint / Highland Falls Rotary, Attention Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 101, West Point, NY 10996 to be received no later than 1 May 2009.

10. The West Point/Highland Falls Rotary Club provides funding for these scholarships. Complete applications will be reviewed by a West Point/Highland Falls Rotary Club committee. All information submitted with the application will become property of the club and will not be returned to the applicant. Scholarship awards will be announced at your school’s Academic Awards Program.

I attest that to the best of my knowledge that this application submission is correct and my own work.

Applicant Signature Date Signed