



Bath Rotary Club

***Frank E. Nicklaus Memorial Scholarship***



**2026 Application Form**

The Bath Rotary Club will award up to three \$1,500 scholarships to graduating seniors from Avoca, Bradford, Campbell-Savona, Hammondsport, and Haverling. The applicant must **not** be a child or grandchild of a current Rotarian. The award will be paid after the recipient completes his/her first semester and submits a college transcript to the Bath Rotary Club.

Completed application must be submitted digitally by March 12, 2026 to:

**Tess McKinley: [tess.mckinley@gmail.com](mailto:tess.mckinley@gmail.com)**

Check each box after completion:

- ☐ 1. The signed application has been submitted digitally with the following:
  - Recommendation from a school employee.
  - Recommendation from a civic/community member, **not** a school staff member.
  - Essay – What does the Rotary Motto, “Service Above Self”, mean to you?
  - An official, high school transcript. (Include class rank and average)
- ☐ 2. The applicant and his/her parent or guardian have signed the Certification and Release Authorization.
- ☐ 3. The applicant has carefully checked his/her essay and reference letters to make certain they address the topic.
- ☐ 4. All items for the application **MUST** be submitted as one (1) email.

**Certification and Release Authorization:**

The following information must be completed for the application to be considered.

I certify this information is true, complete, and accurate, and I am **not** a child or grandchild of a current Rotarian. I also authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application. I understand that if I do not submit digitally one complete copy of the application, including my essay, the 2 recommendations, and an official high school transcript, my application will not be considered.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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**Applicant Information:**

Applicant will not be considered unless all information is completed in full, and all requested documentation is provided. **Please type or print clearly.** Use additional paper if needed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number (\_\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Major/Sequences \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Institution you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Major or Program \_\_\_\_\_ College Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Names of the Applicant's Parents \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay Information: (PLEASE TYPE)**

On a separate sheet of paper, in 300 to 500 words, explain -- What does the Rotary Motto, "Service Above Self", mean to you?

**School Employee Recommendation:**

Choose someone **in your school** who knows about your contributions in school and/or the community. It would be extremely helpful to the Selection Committee to know what impact the activities of the applicant has had in the school and/or the community.  
(PLEASE CITE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES.)

**Civic/Community Recommendation:**

Choose someone in your community who has first-hand knowledge of your volunteer service in the community. (PLEASE CITE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES.) **The writer must be a member of the community, not school staff.**

**Extracurricular, Community Service, and Employment Activities:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_

**Leadership Positions Held:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors and Awards:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_



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**School Employee Recommendation Form**

Name of Applicant\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference\_\_\_\_\_Position\_\_\_\_\_

How do you know the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

The above-named student is applying for a scholarship for \$1,500 from the Bath Rotary Club. In a few paragraphs, please describe the qualities that make this student stand out above others in school and/or the community. It would be helpful to the Selection Committee to know what impact the activities of the applicant has had in the school and/or the community. (PLEASE CITE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES.) You may submit your recommendation on a separate sheet of paper.

**The writer must be a school employee.**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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Signature

Date



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**Civic/Community Recommendation Form**  
**(The writer must be a member of the community,  
not school staff.)**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

The above-named student is applying for a scholarship for \$1,500 from the Bath Rotary Club. In a few paragraphs, please describe the qualities that make this student stand out above others in volunteer service in the community. It would be helpful to the Selection Committee to know what impact the activities of the applicant has had in the community. (PLEASE CITE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES.) You may submit your recommendation on a separate sheet of paper.

**The writer must be a member of the community, not school staff.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date