



Venice-Nokomis Rotary Foundation 2020 - 2021 Scholarship Application

Deadline: May 31, 2021

*The Venice Nokomis Rotary Club is a member of Rotary International, the world's first service club organization. More than 1.2 million Rotarians in over 32, 000 Rotary Clubs in 200 countries worldwide volunteer their time and talent to further the Rotary motto, **Service Above Self**.*

VENICE-NOKOMIS ROTARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Preference will be given to non-traditional students

The Venice-Nokomis Rotary Foundation wishes to support full-time or part-time students of any age who reside in the South Sarasota County area and demonstrate potential for success in higher education but lack the necessary financial resources. Non-traditional adult students are encouraged to apply. Higher education programs include universities, colleges, community colleges, technical schools, trade schools, and vocational schools that award degrees or professional certification. Our scholarship program seeks to provide financial assistance to qualified students, giving them an opportunity to better themselves and their families, and in so doing, better our community, while always keeping in mind the **Rotary Four Way Test**:

Of the things we think, say or do...

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

General Scholarship Criteria

The Venice-Nokomis Rotary Foundation considers scholarship applications from students of any age who meet **all** of the following criteria:

1. Permanent legal resident of, **OR** graduate of a high school in south Sarasota County.
2. Clear financial need, demonstrating that additional funds are needed for further education.
- 3.** Attend or plan to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution in a 2 year, 4- year or graduate degree-seeking program **OR**
4. Attend or plan to attend a vocational, technical, or trade school to complete professional certification.

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Application Process

1. **To complete an application**, go to www.venicenokomisrotary.org and click on the Scholarship Application link or visit the Rotary Futures Office at Venice High School.

2. **Required attachments** include your essays, two letters of recommendation, unofficial grade transcript, and college acceptance letter if available. OPTIONAL: Current Student Aid Report from FAFSA

3. SUBMIT APPLICATION WITH ATTACHMENTS BY U.S. MAIL:

Venice Nokomis Rotary Foundation

Attn: Scholarships

P.O. Box 213

Venice, FL 34284-0213

Complete applications must be received or post marked no later than 4: 00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2020. Applications received or postmarked after that date will not be considered.

The Scholarship Committee of the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Foundation will review applications and make recommendations for scholarship finalists to the Foundation's Board of Directors. Students selected to receive a Rotary Scholarship Award will be notified on or before June 30, 2021

Applying for a scholarship requires the collection of very personal information and the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Foundation will not use this data for any purposes beyond the scholarship review, selection, and award processes. Strict guidelines for maintaining the confidentiality of all scholarship applicants will be followed.

Personal Essay

Please answer to the following essay questions on a separate sheet of paper, typed double-space or handwritten. Include your name on all pages.

1. Describe yourself. How does your background (family, activities, education, goals, personality) prepare you for college or trade school? Include any special or extenuating circumstances that would help or hinder your ability to attend college if applicable.
2. Describe your ambitions and goals in life. Explain why you wish to continue your education and why you have selected your intended field of study.
3. If you plan to return to or stay in this community, why would you like to live and work here? If you do not plan to return to this community, please address where you would like to live and why.

Venice-Nokomis Rotary Foundation 2021 -2022 Scholarship Application

Typed information is preferred.

Applicant Information

First/Middle/Last name:	
Permanent address:	
City/State/Zip:	Number of years lived in this city:
Home phone:	Cell phone:
Primary email address where you can be contacted throughout the year:	
Last 4 digits of your Social Security Number:	
High school name:	High school graduation year:

2021-2022 Post-Secondary Education Plans

2-Year college	4-Year college	Gradschool	2-Year vocational/technical school		
Name of school:		State:			
College major or field of study:					
Semester or semesters that you plan to be attending college in the 2021-2022 school year?					
Fall 2021		Spring 2022			
Year in college during the coming academic year:		Fr	Sph	Jr	Sr
Graduate school:	1	2	3	4	
Full-time student (minimum 12 hours per semester undergraduate/6 hours graduate)					
Part-time student (less than 12 hours undergraduate/6 hours graduate)					
Total number of family members living in your household?					
Total number of family members in your household who will be attending post-secondary school in the 2021-2022 school year:					

Letters of Recommendation

Two references are required. Although it is not required, it is recommended that one letter be an **academic-related** reference and one letter be a **personal or community-related** reference. Reference letters cannot be from relatives. Letters must be signed and dated by the author of the letter and must have been written within the past six months.

Applicant Name _____

List all scholarships, grants, prepaid scholarship monies, and all other financial assistance awarded to you for the 2021-2022 academic year:

Name/Type of Award	Amount

School and Community Activities

Using **only** the space provided (attachments will not be accepted) list extracurricular and community activities in which you have participated during the past two years. Please list the activities in order of importance to you.

Activity	Dates	Leadership position/awards
_____		_____
_____		_____
_____		_____
_____		_____
_____		_____
_____		_____

Work Experience

Using the space below, please list your most recent paid work experiences over the past two years.

Employer	Type of work	Dates	Hours

Scholarship Application Checklist –

- Completed, typed, signed application form.
- Personal essay
- Two letters of recommendation
- High school transcript OR most recent college transcript if you are already enrolled in college. These transcripts do not have to be official.
- If available, copy of college acceptance letter or proof of enrollment for 2021-2022.

NOTE: Submitting FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is **OPTIONAL**, but recommended to determine financial need. You may complete and submit your FAFSA application online by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov. An online application will take a minimum of 7-10 business days to process. Mailed applications could take up to 8 weeks. Students are encouraged to apply early in the year. Application requires having completed 2020 income tax return.

- Page 1 of your final 2021-2022 Student Aid Report (SAR). This report is generated by the U.S. Department of Education’s federal student aid program office following your completion of the FAFSA. (**Optional**)

- Signature(s)**

By signing below, I/we certify, under penalty of loss of any award the student may be awarded, that I/we have read, understand, and meet all requirements for Venice-Nokomis Rotary Foundation Scholarship Program, and that the information I/we have provided is complete and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge.

I promise to notify the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Foundation immediately of any change in my situation, the school I will be attending, or other pertinent information. Scholarship awards vary in amount, and will be paid directly to the institution.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

*Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

***Required unless you are legally independent as defined by FAFSA.**