

Rotary
Club of Dulles International Airport



**LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholarship
for College Applicants**

OVERVIEW / INSTRUCTIONS

Deadline Friday, March 28, 2025

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LEROY COLLINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - HISTORY

Before LeRoy Collins joined The Rotary Club of Dulles International Airport in 2005, he had already volunteered to help with our first project to raise money for scholarships for children in need. He helped plan and orchestrate the first Evening of Romance Fashion Show that was held at the Dulles Hilton on February 12, 2005.

The lobby of the Hilton became a New York Runway with seasoned photographers, professional models guiding local business and political celebrities to model exquisite clothes from the Leesburg Premium Outlets Stores and the event was attended by a huge crowd of enthusiasts who bid on the clothes worn by the celebrities. LeRoy fell in love with Rotary and became an advocate for our events to support our continued scholarship program through many changes over the years.



In 2006, we repeated our Evening of Romance followed by several years of our Music and Speech Competition Scholarships which brought out students from the entire region to compete and meet our Rotary family, local business and political leaders and a proud community.

In 2008, LeRoy made it possible for the The Rotary Club of Dulles International Airport to host the America's Pride Event in partnership with the Steven F. Udvar Hazy Center, on the grounds of the Dulles Hilton to support recuperating service members. LeRoy worked with hotel management to permit the large event to take place at the Hilton without inconveniencing hotel guests.

Besides a stage with incredible entertainment, like Katy Benko, Emma Baily, Second Wind and the American Originals Fife & Drum Corps, there was a chili cook-off, all American food and beverages, Magic Shows, Face Painting, Carnival Games, special guests' appearances and much more.

Over the next 5 years as LeRoy's management duties were expanded, he still found time to support Rotary. He would arrive every Friday in the very early A.M. hours and set-up for Rotary Meeting Space. Many of us were not even aware of his quiet dedication by this selfless act of support for our Rotary Club. LeRoy was the true example of Service Above Self.

Two of his most cherished moments in Rotary were becoming a Paul Harris Fellow and receiving the 2007-2008 Rotarian of the Year Award.

The Annual LeRoy Collins Memorial Scholarship will live on to remind us of the example of a great man, a gentle giant, a true Rotarian.

It is the hope of The Rotary Club of Dulles International Airport to entice students to learn about Rotary and Service Above Self. We know that getting to finance for four years is always a challenge...especially in these times.

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The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and to encourage and foster:

- The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Rotarian's 4-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?

Rotary Club of Dulles International Airport - History

The club was formed during the period of July 1979 through February 1980. On the night of February 23, 1980, the club charter was signed at Rotary International in Chicago. This coincided with the 75th Anniversary of the founding of Rotary. The club celebrates its 45th Anniversary on the 23rd of February 2025. Since its inception, the club and its members have been involved in both local and international charitable activities. The members participate in international activities through the Rotary Foundation. Locally the club has supported needy organizations through our Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser, Annual Wind Dinner, and the support of local charities on a case-by-case basis.

Rotary Club of Dulles International Airport - Service

International Service

- Polio Plus program has virtually eradicated polio from the globe. 2 billion+ people have been immunized.
- Global Scholarships Program is the largest privately funded source of international scholarships with approximately 1,300 scholarships awarded annually.
- Group Studies Exchange: 568 Teams traveled to different countries in 1999-2000 with 8,000 total teams since 1965.

Community Service

- Supports Cops for Kids
- Supports ECHO (Every Citizen Has Opportunity), ARC of Loudoun, ARC of NOVA, and Service Source
- Annual Wine Dinner to raise monies for Scholarships
- Food Drives for those in Need working with Tree of Life And WFCM (Western Fairfax Christian Ministry)
- Donations to Numerous Local Causes

Vocational Services

- Annual opportunities Open Golf Tournament for Various Causes
- Scout Sponsorship
- High School Interact Clubs
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Club Services

- Excellent speakers are selected from the local community
- Activities are selected to promote the club
- Membership acquisition and retention are key focus

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Application turned into the Career Center Specialist at your high school by Friday, March 28, 2025. Finalists will be selected by the Rotary Club of Dulles International Airport Scholarship Review Committee and interviews will be held to make the final selections. Scholarship amounts to be determined based on available funds.

Applicant Eligibility

- Candidate must be a graduating senior in 2025 and must reside in and attend a high school in the NOVA.
- Candidate must be attending an in-state college or university or community college in the fall 2025
- Candidate must be a legal resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Grade point average must be 3.0 or higher.
- Candidate must provide a statement verifying financial need.
- Scholarship monies awarded must be used in the applicant's freshman year at college.

Applicant Application

- Application
- Financial Form
- Statement verifying financial need. Copy of FAFSA or SAR.
- Copy of transcript from high school verifying grade point average. Grade point avg must be 3.0 or higher.
- Reference Letters from 2 Teachers and/or Counselors in related field. (see letter recommendation guideline)
- List of Virginia Colleges where you applied.
- List of Scholarship applied for and those received.
- List of Extracurricular Activities.
- List of Honors received.
- Short essay on why the scholarship is important to you.
- Short Essay How you exemplify the Rotary's 4 Way Test.

Selection Criteria:

- **Financial need. This is Rotary's most important criteria.**
- Strong background in community service & helping others.
- A 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) or better.
- Merits of the college program or curriculum sought.
- Ability and a sincere interest in pursuing a college degree.
- Consideration will be given to a candidate who is first in his/her family to attend college, but this is not mandatory.
- Applicants should show interest in community service and possible interest in Rotary.
- The finalists will be asked to attend an interview for the selection committee

Scholarship Winner Expectations:

- Winner will be asked to attend Rotary Scholarship meeting in the Spring 2025.
- Winners are expected to attend Rotary meetings to inform the membership of their progress.
- Winners will be expected to assist with scholarship fund-raiser.

Questions and Submit

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Recommendation Letter Guidelines

Applicants, please provide this information to your teachers and/or counselor when asking them to write a recommendation letter for you. Reminder that you need to include two (2) reference Letters from Teachers and/or Counselors in related field.

Since we receive applications from local students, we may receive applications from more than one of your students. Please help us in our decision-making by ensuring your letter of recommendation is unique to the student.

Guidelines for Teacher/Counselor's Recommendation Letter

- How long have you known the applicant?
- Describe the growth and development of the student
- How diversified is the student with school activities?
- How is the student's overall academic performance?
- How well does the student adapt to the other members of the class, school, etc.?
- How has the student participated within the community where he/she resides?
- What future course or plan of study has been discussed with the student?
- What guidance have you provided?
- Why would you want this scholarship to be awarded to this student?

IMPORTANT CRITERIA

- Please provide verification that the student overall grade point average is a 3.0 or better
- Please provide verification that financial assistance is necessary for the student to go to college (additional financial statement documentation will be provided for required completion)

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