



Venice-Nokomis Rotary Foundation 2026 Scholarship Application

Deadline: April 30, 2026

*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 **Non-traditional adult students** of who reside in the **South Sarasota County area** and demonstrate potential for success in higher education. 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 **Non-traditional adult 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, 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. **NOTE: Scholarships are for non-traditional students**

Application Process

1. This application is also available at www.venicenokomisrotary.org and click on the Scholarship Application link.

2. Required attachments include; 1. Your essay (see below), 2. Letter of Recommendation, 3. Unofficial grade transcript, 4. College/trade school/professional certification acceptance letter if available and 5. **Statement of income for the last fiscal year (W2/Wage income/paystub), signed and dated.**

3. SUBMIT APPLICATION WITH ATTACHMENTS BY

EMAIL: scholarship.venicerotary@gmail.com

Please make sure that ALL attachments reference your name
***Complete applications must be received by the date noted above.
Applications received 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. Students selected to receive a Rotary Scholarship Award will be notified, by email on or before June 30th of the current year.

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 submit an essay, following the below criteria, 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, trade school or professional certification. Include any special or extenuating circumstances that would help or hinder your ability to continue your education, 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 south Sarasota County, 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.

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Typed information is preferred.

Applicant Information

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| 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: |

2025 Post-Secondary Education Plans

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| 2-Year college | 4-Year college | Grad-school | 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 current school year? | | | |
| Year in Studies 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 2025-2026 school year: | | | |

Letter of Recommendation

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 2025-2026 academic year:

| Name/Type of Award | Amount |
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School\Volunteerism\Community Activities

Provide a 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.

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Scholarship Application Checklist –

1. Completed, typed, signed application form.
2. Personal essay
3. Letter of recommendation
4. Most recent school transcript if enrolled and does not have to be official.
5. If available, copy of an acceptance letter or proof of enrollment for 2025-26.
6. Statement of Income, (W2/Wage Income/paystub) signed and dated

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 acknowledge that the decision of the Venice-Nokomis Rotary Scholarship Committee is final and cannot be challenged.

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 _____