



Petaluma Valley Rotary Club

Ritko Vocational and Education Fund Scholarship Application

Due May 11, 2018 - No late submissions will be accepted

Personal Information

(if not applicable, insert n/a)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City with zip code \_\_\_\_\_

High School(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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Further Education Goals

What occupation or profession do you want to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

Where and how would you use the scholarship funds? (be specific: for example: tuition, books, transportation) \_\_\_\_\_

What type of school or schools do you plan to attend?

\_\_\_\_\_ Trade School \_\_\_\_\_ Junior College \_\_\_\_\_ State College/University \_\_\_\_\_ Other 4-year school

Please list the schools that you have applied to: \_\_\_\_\_

To which schools have you have been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

List all other scholarships which you have applied for or have been awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Record

What is your weighted cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)? \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach your unofficial transcript to this application. Please answer the following questions on an additional page:

- A. List all school or community organizations to which you have belonged, your involvement, including years of participation.
B. List all sports and years of participation.
C. List creative work, hobbies or special interests such as music, dance, drama, which you have pursued.

Essay: Please attach a one-page essay, in 12-point font. The essay is titled "Who I am and where am I going". Please tell us about yourself, include any challenges or obstacles you have faced or overcome. Include any circumstances and/or financial needs that you would like the Scholarship Committee to take into consideration. Describe what you want to achieve if you are selected to receive this scholarship.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Eligibility:** This scholarship is intended to provide a helping hand for young people who face special challenges in achieving educational or career advancement or in obtaining conventional educational scholarships. Applicants who have suffered financial hardship; difficult family or housing situations; or who have made poor personal decisions but demonstrate they are rehabilitated and willing to accept responsibility for their own future (certification of at least 12 months of recovery must be proven); or who have learning disabilities that may hamper them academically but do not prevent them from pursuing educational and career objectives. The Committee is looking for students who have demonstrated the determination to complete high school with improving grades.

To qualify for a grant, an applicant must have applied to an accredited trade or vocational school, junior college, college or university.

**Dollar Amount of Scholarship:** There will be one (1) \$3,000 scholarship. Scholarship amount or number of awards may be increased or adjusted depending upon funding availability at selection time.

**Qualifications required to be considered:** Applicants must be of resident of Petaluma, Penngrove or Cotati with minimum accumulated Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.00 or above in most recent school.

**Future Career Goals.** The applicants need not be committed to a two or four year college. Any reasonable future career path that includes further education will be considered. Examples of careers likely to be considered favorably include farming, viticulture, accounting/bookkeeping and related software training, nurse, Nurse Practitioner, midwife, Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), phlebotomist, medical/lab technician, mechanic, machinist, welder, or truck driver.

**Letters of Recommendation.** Attach at least one letter of recommendation. The letter may be from a teacher, mentor, pastor, employer, family, friend, or other responsible adult in organizations the applicant is involved. You are encouraged to request a Letter of Recommendation from someone who has witnessed your determination to succeed.

**Packet requirements.** Your application packet must include the following:

1. The completed application form (this form).
2. Your unofficial transcript and extra page with information requested in Sections A, B & C.
3. Your essay, one page, 12-point font, as described on page 1 of this application form.
4. At least one letter of recommendation, as defined above.

**Note:** Education and related expenses will be paid directly to providers. Scholarship winners are required to attend one Petaluma Valley Rotary Club meeting.

*Final selection of the recipients of this Scholarship will be made by the  
Petaluma Valley Rotary Club Scholarship Committee and the Board of Trustees.*

**You can access the application form on line at <http://petalumavalleyrotary.org/ritko>  
and submit it online at [submit@petalumavalleyrotary.org](mailto:submit@petalumavalleyrotary.org) or by mail to  
Ritko Fund c/o Jim O'Grady, 1485 McGregor Avenue, Petaluma, CA 94954  
on or before May 11, 2018 at 5 PM.**

**Questions: email [submit@petalumavalley.org](mailto:submit@petalumavalley.org) or call Jim @ 707-773-0783**