



**Petaluma Valley Rotary Club Harold Alexander Scholarship Application Cover**  
Sheet **Due: February 9, 2024.** ***No Late Submissions Accepted***

***NOTE: Scholarship Winners are required to attend awards night April 17, 2024.***

**Description of Scholarship:** This scholarship is open to all senior students attending the following high schools in Petaluma who will be graduating at the end of term 2024:

**Petaluma High School, Casa Grande High School, St. Vincent High School, San Antonio High School, Carpe Diem High School, Sonoma Mountain High School, and Valley Oaks High School**

**Dollar Amount of Scholarship:** We have multiple scholarships ranging in awards of \$1,000 to \$3,000.

**The qualifications required to be considered are as follows:**

**For applicants from Petaluma, Casa Grande, and St. Vincent High Schools:**

Minimum Accumulated Grade Point Average: 3.00 or above

**For applicants from San Antonio, Carpe Diem, Sonoma Mountain, and Valley Oaks High Schools:** Minimum Accumulated Grade Point Average: 2.00 or above

**Area of Interest:** Petaluma Valley Rotary offers scholarships to deserving students who have achieved both academically and ***in service to others***. We award scholarships to the college bound or Trade School student as well as students who might have a strong interest in vocational studies and students who may have a strong interest in international studies or service. Students planning on going to a community college or trade or vocational school are encouraged to apply.

**Leadership:** Demonstrates leadership qualities, but not necessarily as “the leader” of a group or activity. One important characteristic we look for is active leadership and involvement, whether working behind the scenes or quietly facilitating a project to ensure success. A student who acts as a catalyst to get a project started, or keeps a project “on track”, encourages others, or is the “go to person”, but is not necessarily the one in charge is very worthy of inclusion in this scholarship.

**Community Involvement:** Active in a leadership role or as an active, contributing participant in school sponsored, or community activities that benefit the community or portions of the community. ***Highest consideration is given to those students who demonstrate service to their families, school, and/or community.***

**Overcoming Obstacles:** We are interested in that student who has overcome unusual obstacles during his/her high school years and has demonstrated the determination to complete high school with improving grades. Overcoming major illness, unusual family situations, or dealing with hardship are worthy of inclusion.

**Essay:** Please complete a one-page essay in space provided. The essay is titled: “**How I have made a difference in my community.**” You may, in the essay, include any special circumstances and/or financial needs that you would like the scholarship committee to take into consideration. The important point to remember is that we are interested in why you feel qualified for our particular scholarship.

**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 or service to others will be considered.

**Letters of Recommendation:** Attach one meaningful letter of recommendation. This letter may be from teachers, employers, family, friends, or responsible adults in organizations applicant is involved.

The final selection of the recipients of these scholarships will be the responsibility of the Petaluma Valley Rotary Club Scholarship Committee and Board of Trustees.

# PETALUMA VALLEY ROTARY CLUB HAROLD ALEXANDER SCHOLARSHIP

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/cell # \_\_\_\_\_

City with Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Male Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Female Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of brothers and sisters living at home (excluding you): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any brothers and sisters in college now? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_

## FURTHER EDUCATION PLANNING

Which areas of study do you plan to pursue? \_\_\_\_\_

What occupation or profession do you plan to enter? \_\_\_\_\_

What type of school do you plan to attend?

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

Please list the schools that you have applied to:

\_\_\_\_\_

To which schools have you been accepted?

\_\_\_\_\_

List all other scholarships, including PEF, which you have applied for or have been accepted:

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Describe any special circumstances or financial needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HIGH SCHOOL RECORD:** What is your weighted cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the National Honor Society or the California Scholarship Federation (CSF): \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE INCLUDE WITH YOUR SUBMISSION:

1. One Letter of Recommendation - *please limit the recommendation letter to one page*
2. Unofficial Transcript

Please print these pages, when completed, and submit along with your Letter of Recommendation and Transcript to:

Petaluma Valley Rotary c/o Jim O'Grady  
1485 McGregor Ave  
Petaluma, CA 94954

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List all school organizations to which you have belonged, your involvement, and offices you have held. Include years of participation and any awards you have received.

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List all school sports and years of participation and any athletic honors you have been awarded.

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List creative work, hobbies or special training such as music, dance, drama, which you have pursued.

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**Essay:** On the following page please describe why you should be selected to receive this scholarship. **As Rotary is a service organization, be sure to include community service and service to others.** You may, in the essay, include any special circumstances and/or financial needs that you would like the scholarship committee to take into consideration. The important point to remember is that we are interested in why you feel qualified for our particular scholarship.

**How I have made a difference in my community?**

**Type or paste your essay below. Keep essay to space provided.**