GRAND RAPIDS CENTENNIAL ROTARY CLUB

P.O. BOX 216

GRAND RAPIDS, MN 55744

March 31, 2017

To Whom it May Concern:

As you are aware from prior years, the Grand Rapids Centennial Rotary Club is soliciting scholarship applications.

Rotary Scholarships are offered to graduating senior high school students to attend post-secondary education. Awards will be made without regard to race, color, creed, sex, religion or national origin. All awards are to be used for educational expenses for full time study at any accredited post high school educational institution, including any university, college or vocational school.

Attached, please find the necessary information to allow the student to apply.

We ask that the application and supporting information be returned to me no later than April 14, 2017. If counselors, students, or parents have any questions, please call Lois Lang at 327-0600. Applications should be submitted by your school to:

Lois J. Lang

Grand Rapids Centennial Rotary

Scholarship Committee

 P.O. Box 216

 Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Sincerely,

Lois J. Lang

Grand Rapids Centennial Rotary Scholarship Committee

**GRAND RAPIDS CENTENNIAL ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Number of awards:

* Three $1,000.00 scholarships distributed to area students who will be attending a post-secondary institution, including any university, college or vocational school.

Award Recipients:

* Scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors from Itasca County high schools. All decisions relating to student scholarship selection rest with the scholarship committee.

Method of Scholarship Disbursement:

* The scholarship award will be made directly to the school.

Contact with the Rotary Club:

* Scholarship recipients are expected to give a brief oral report on their educational experiences to the Rotary club any time during or after their scholarship year. Rotarians are interested in the continued success of scholarship recipients.

Eligibility Requirements:

* Be a graduating senior from an area high school
* Be accepted at a post-secondary institution, including any university, college or vocational school.

Evaluation criteria and selection process:

All applicants will be evaluated on the basis of the following: **(See** [**www.Rotary.org**](http://www.Rotary.org) **for more information on Rotary.)**

* Write a one page essay responding to the following question:
* Members of a Rotary club are part of a diverse group of professional leaders working to address various community and international service needs and to promote peace and understanding throughout the world. How do you think Rotary members could be more involved in the local community and help address the needs of Itasca County? Please identify what you feel are the needs of Itasca County and Itasca County youth that Rotary could address.
* Participation in extracurricular activities, community involvement and self help effort to reach education goals ( i.e. part time employment, student government, volunteering)
* Academic performance
* The quality care in preparation and completeness of the application and essay
* Include one letter of recommendation

*As Rotarians, we measure our decisions using what we call the "FOUR WAY TEST". If we can answer yes to each, we believe the decision for action to be correct.*

*The four-way test is made of:*

 *Is it the truth?*

 *Is it fair to all concerned?*

 *Will it build good will and better friendship?*

 *Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

Because this is important to us, your essay will be a very important piece of your application. If you have questions on how to proceed with the essay, you may call Lois Lang at 327-0600.