

Rotary REACH Merit Scholarship <u>Rotarians for Educational Access and College H</u>elp

The Board of the Lincoln County Rotary Student Loan Fund will award five \$2000 scholarships to selected Lincoln County seniors – 1 each at East, Lincolnton, North and West High Schools, plus one student between Lincoln Charter Lincolnton and Denver.

A REACH recipient is a Lincoln County student that possesses the drive and motivation to excel. This student strives to be better every day, while encouraging those around him/her. Service Above Self is the Rotary Motto and our recipients display this motto daily, whether donating time and services to their community or while providing care and assistance within their households. Our recipients are proud to live in Lincoln County and can see themselves one day working here, strengthening our workforce, and bettering our communities with their hard work and diligence.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1. The applicant must be a resident of Lincoln County and have attended high school in Lincoln County for at least two years immediately prior to graduation.
- 2. <u>The COMPLETED application must be submitted on this form, to their High School Counselor by</u> April 28th along with a <u>transcript</u> showing scholastic record <u>and one letter of reference</u>. Letter of reference should be written by an adult familiar with the applicant, who can support in writing the reason(s) this student is deserving of the REACH Scholarship.
- **3.** The final decisions will be made by a sub-committee of Lincoln County Rotary Student Loan Fund Board members.
- 4. The recipient may attend any accredited university, college, business, nursing, trade school or community college. The recipient has not been selected as the recipient of any large, full-tuition covering scholarship(s).
- 5. The recipient should be motivated and have demonstrated a desire to excel in their course path with an unweighted GPA between 2.5 and 3.5.

Lincoln County Rotary Student Loan Fund

Students – our organization also offers Low Interest (3%) loans for Lincoln County graduates. If you would like to learn more about our loans, scan the QR code or visit rotarylinc.org.



Rotary REACH Application

(Complete and return by April 28 to High School Counselor)

PERSONAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION:

| 1. Applicant's Fu | ll Name | | | |
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| | | Last | First | Middle |
| 2. Applicant's Ad | dress | | | |
| | Street | City | State | Zip code |
| 3. Preferred Tele | phone Numbe | er | | |
| 4. Birthdate | | | Current GPA | |

SCHOLASTIC AND CIVIC INFORMATION:

1. Rotarians value Service, in fact, our motto is Service Above Self. Please describe how you currently help others within our community, at home, civically or religious institution:

2. Please list your participation in extra-curricular school activities, sports, and clubs:

3. Please describe an event or accomplishment that you are most proud of (can be an award, a class, a personal goal, or achievement etc.):

4. While most colleges use grades when looking at applicants, tell us what you wish they reviewed, and what they would learn about you if only they asked: ______

5. List in order of your preference the three occupations or professions you are most considering: a._____b.____b._____b._____

6. Do you have interest in returning to Lincoln County after you complete your higher education? Why or Why Not? Is there a specific place you would like to work? (This answer has no impact on our decision, so please be honest. As a community non-profit we are simply interested in what you know about job opportunities in our county and whether you would consider working here).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

1. Have you already been awarded scholarship(s) of any kind? YES or NO

If so, names of scholarships and their respective amounts_____

2. What do you estimate your total education expenses to be next year?

| Of that amount, how much will you | I likely receive from your parents and other sources, not |
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| including scholarships? | |

(If more space is needed to answer any questions, please attach additional sheets to this form.)

Thank you for submitting your application for the Rotary REACH Scholarship. Our board members look forward to learning about you!

| DATE | |
|--------------------------|--|
| APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE | |
| APPLICANT'S HIGH SCHOOL | |
| APPLICANT'S PHONE NUMBER | |

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR: By signing below I agree that the student meets the criteria defined by the LCRSLF and is a sound candidate for the Rotary REACH Scholarship.

| HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR SIGNATURE | |
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| HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR PRINTED NAME | |
| HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR comments: | |
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