



**2026 Yadkin Valley Rotary Club's
"Service Above Self"
Scholarship Application**

(This \$2,500 scholarship award is available to graduating seniors attending a post-secondary four-year institution, a vocational/technical program, or a community college.)

Applicant Information Form

(Please **PRINT** all information)

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / 20___ Phone (____) _____

Address _____

EMAIL (**PRINT** email address) _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name(s) (**PRINT** names)

High School: _____ Graduation Date: ___ / ___ / ___

High School Counselor: _____

(Elkin High School Applicants): Are you a member of the Interact Club? Yes No

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following documents **must be provided** with your application.

- Application information form (p.1)
- Leadership Experiences/School Participation form (p.3)
- Personal Essay (p.4)
- Short Answer (p.4)
- Two** (2) Recommendations (can be submitted from teachers, coaches, counselors, administrators, faith leaders, or employers) (p. 6,7)
- A copy of an **official** sealed high school transcript (student provided)
- Copies of acceptance letters to college, university or training program* (student provided)

(*applications will be accepted without an acceptance letter although funds will not be awarded until an official acceptance letter is submitted to the Yadkin Valley Rotary Club)

Winners will agree to be included in Yadkin Valley Rotary Club publicity e.g., Facebook, Instagram, local news media.

Deadline for Submission

Applications must be postmarked by April 18, 2026.

Mail to:

Yadkin Valley Rotary

Box 212

Elkin, NC 28621

Student Name: _____

Leadership and Community Service Experiences

Describe your work, volunteer, and/or intern experiences during the past two years.

Dates	Organization	Supervisor Name	Average Hours Per Week	Paid Position? (Yes/No)

School Participation

List four school activities you have participated in including any offices you held (e.g., clubs, student council, yearbook, sports, cheer, band, choir, service groups).

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PERSONAL ESSAY QUESTION

Describe two community service activities in which you have participated during the past four years. Your essay must include:

- Why did you participate in these activities – why did you choose them?
- Your level of participation (e.g., leader, organizer, manager, contributor)
- How long you participated in each activity
- How the selected activities impacted **your community**
- How the experience(s) have impacted **you**

In addition, your essay must describe how your community service activities align with 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?

Essay Requirements

No more than two (2) pages

Double-spaced

Font - Times New Roman (12-point font)

Short Answer Question

The lessons we learn from obstacles we encounter are often fundamental to our later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, what did you learn from the experience, and how have you applied what you’ve learned?

Short Answer Requirements

No more than one (1) page

Double-spaced

Font - Times New Roman (12-point font)

(NOTE: The essay and short answer responses are a heavily weighted component of the application.)

Certification

I hereby certify that the information provided on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

For Student:

Print name

Signature

Date

For Parent or Guardian:

Print name

Signature

Date



**Yadkin Valley Rotary
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Recommendation Form**

Student: _____

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Please rate the student in each of the following categories:

Motivation	Low	1	2	3	4	5	High
Citizenship	Low	1	2	3	4	5	High
Initiative	Needs prompting	1	2	3	4	5	Does more than assigned
Concern for others	Little	1	2	3	4	5	Very concerned
Leadership	Follower	1	2	3	4	5	Exceptional leader
Responsibility	Needs guidance	1	2	3	4	5	Independent
Service to others	Does what’s required	1	2	3	4	5	Seeks opportunities to serve

Additional Remarks:

In what capacity are/were you associated with the scholarship applicant?

Printed Name: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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