

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!**  
**ROTARY CLUB OF SACRAMENTO FOUNDATION**  
**HAROLD & LILLA STRAUCH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**  
**AVAILABLE TO COLLEGE BOUND GRADUATING SENIORS OF RIO AMERICANO HIGH SCHOOL**

**PURPOSE:** The Rotary Club of Sacramento, in order to promote higher education and the spirit of Rotary in the community, has established an annual scholarship at Rio Americano High School through a contribution to the Foundation by Dr. Harold Strauch, a member of the Rotary Club of Sacramento, and his wife Lilla. At the specific request of Harold and Lilla Strauch, this scholarship will be awarded to 2 outstanding students at Rio Americano High School.

The annual award is to assist towards one year of undergraduate academic study in a **four year college of the student's choice**. Two scholarship awards are available for the 2019 graduating class. The scholarship may be awarded for any field of study; however, in selecting a recipient, emphasis will be placed on the pursuit of an occupation or profession that will impact most on the future of the community and, also, encourage and foster the principles of Rotary, including "Service Above Self" and the free enterprise system.

**AMOUNT: 2 SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$2,950 EACH HAROLD & LILLA STRAUCH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** In order to be considered for the scholarship award, the candidate must be a senior student, in the academic upper one-third of the graduating class of Rio Americano High School. The applicant must not be the son or daughter of a Rotarian. The applicant must enroll full-time in undergraduate studies at an accredited four year college in the United States. In the event the award recipient chooses to attend a junior college prior to transferring to a four year college, the award recipient must notify the Rotary Club office and the award money will be held by the Rotary Club of Sacramento Foundation in the student's name until the student has enrolled in the four year school.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** The selection of candidates for the scholarship will be based on the following qualifications: scholastic ability, demonstrated leadership ability in school and in the community, and financial need. The selection will be carried out using six criteria: 1) scholastic standing, 2) school activities, 3) community activities, 4) financial need, 5) personal statement and 6) interview (for finalists, please note that not every student who applies will be interviewed) by a Scholarship Committee composed of Rotarians. Points will be allocated to each area of achievement.

In evaluating candidates with regard to financial need, the school may be requested to provide a rating to the Scholarship Committee and the Scholarship Committee will not directly review any information other than the rating for the students who have applied. A recommendation will be made by the Scholarship Committee to the Sacramento Rotary Club Board of Directors for final approval in late April.

The recipient and/or school will be notified in May of the award recipient and the scholarship award will be presented either at a regular meeting of the Rotary Club of Sacramento or at a school awards assembly. The recipient's school may elect to announce the award to the recipient at a school awards ceremony and not notify the recipient of the award until such time. A Rotary Club representative will be happy to announce and present the scholarship award to the winner at a school awards ceremony if the school requests such by notifying the Rotary Office at (916) 929-2992.

The recipient must provide evidence of enrollment in a four-year school to the Rotary office in order to receive the scholarship funds, which funds will be directly delivered to the college or university to apply to tuition. If the recipient intends to enroll in a community college prior to transferring to a four-year college, the recipient must notify the Rotary Club office and provide evidence of enrollment in a community college and the award money will be held by the Rotary Club of Sacramento Foundation in the student's name until the student has enrolled in the four year school. The money will be held for no more than two years, and if the student has not enrolled full time in a four year school after two years, then the scholarship will be forfeited by the student so that the scholarship funds may be available for further scholarships. The student must provide evidence of enrollment in a four-year college to the Rotary Club office within the two-year period after the announcement of the scholarship award in order to be eligible to receive the scholarship funds.

**ROTARY CLUB OF SACRAMENTO FOUNDATION  
HAROLD & LILLA STRAUCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

**Attending:** Rio Americano H.S.

**1. The application (answered fully) and all supplementary papers (with your name written in the upper right hand corner) must be typewritten, submitted in duplicate and mailed or emailed and received by the Rotary office no later than April 15, 2019 to:**

**LaToya Wong, Club Manager  
Rotary Club of Sacramento  
1451 River Park Dr., Ste. 120, Sacramento, CA 95815  
[latoya@rotarysacramento.com](mailto:latoya@rotarysacramento.com)**

1. Application submittal shall include: **[SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ON RECORDS SUBMITTED SHOULD BE REDACTED.]**
- ✓ A photocopy of applicant's official high school transcript from beginning of 9th grade through date of application.
  - ✓ A photocopy of applicants SAT and/or ACT test scores.
  - ✓ At least 2 letters of recommendation on behalf of applicant (preferably, one from an employer).
  - ✓ Copies of any significant awards received by applicant.
  - ✓ Letter from applicant outlining her/his academic, vocational and/or professional goals.
  - ✓ A brief autobiography describing the applicant's academic accomplishments, community involvement, extracurricular activities, work experience and other significant events.
  - ✓ An Essay on "Service Above Self."

Name in Full: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Do not use initials and please underline your family name)

Name by which you prefer to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Town) (State) (Zip Code)

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

Name of employer	Job title or type of work	Date(s) of employment (from / to)
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**EDUCATIONAL HISTORY:**

Secondary school(s)	Dates attended	Diploma or equivalent (yes / no)
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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF SACRAMENTO FOUNDATION  
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**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

How would this scholarship award assist you in the pursuit of your education?

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Are you anticipating any other financial aid for tuition?

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I REPRESENT THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION AND ATTACHED DOCUMENTS IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF SACRAMENTO**

The Rotary Club of Sacramento has been recognized as one of the premier voluntary organizations in the Sacramento metropolitan region. With a membership of approximately 300 members, it is one of over 32,000 clubs worldwide. Rotarians provide not only their financial support, but their time and experience to improve their local and world community. Service Above Self is the motto of every Rotarian. For the Rotary Club of Sacramento, serving and supporting youth is a high priority. For more information about Rotary go to [www.rotarysacramento.com](http://www.rotarysacramento.com) or [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).