

Rotary Scholarship Essay Guidelines

The Rotary Club of Alva will award up to three \$500.00 scholarships to AHS high school graduates pursuing post-secondary education at an Oklahoma college or university. The recipient must be attending post-secondary schooling for the first time, and must use the scholarship during the fall following his/her graduation from high school. The recipient must meet the admission requirements of the targeted institution. The funds will be distributed at the request of the AHS counselor to the school in which the recipient is enrolled. The scholarship application is 100 documented hours of community service which is to be completed between **July 1 and June 15** of the senior year **and** an essay to be completed by **April 15**. Both components are required.

(The scholarship will be awarded to the winner of an essay competition if more than three students apply for the scholarship.) The essay should be titled “How Can I Use the 4-Way Test as a Way of Life?” and will be based on how the Rotary’s 4-Way Test will apply to the applicant’s future as a student and beyond. The essays will be judged by a committee consisting of Alva Rotarians. The essays will be judged on their content, punctuation, grammar and appearance. The essay should be no less than 500 and no more than 750 words long and should be typed and double spaced on white paper. The deadline for submitting an essay for consideration is **April 15**. The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the Alva High School Senior Awards Assembly.

For five decades Rotarians have been using The 4-Way Test as a practical yardstick in their business, community, and personal affairs. The 4-Way Test does not provide answers. It asks questions which the user must answer in his or her daily life. The 4-Way Test is:

Of the things we think, say or do—

- 1. Is it the Truth?**
- 2. Is it Fair?**
- 3. Will it build Goodwill?**
- 4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?**

Applicants should deliver the essay to the high school counselor by the April deadline. This deadline is final with no exceptions. All DOCUMENTED* volunteer hours must be returned to the counselor before payment is made and prior to June 15 of the graduation year.

*Documented hours will be accepted only with the signature and date of the advisor/sponsor/coach, etc. who was in charge of the activity. Just having a list of activities and dates signed by the superintendent, principal, etc. will not be accepted.