

## **Downtown Sioux Falls Rotary Scholarship Program 2026-2027**

The goal of Downtown Rotary's Scholarship Program is to identify up to five new Rotarians each year who are thought leaders, with a focus on underrepresented communities, who can bring positive contributions to Downtown Rotary but find the full cost of the annual membership a barrier to entry.

- Applications are due by June 15 and will be considered among a pool of applicants. A committee will review and may recommend up to 5 recipients annually.
- Applicants must also complete the standard club membership application, meet the membership criteria, and proceed through the standard membership application process. The \$100 new member application fee is waived.
- Approved recipients begin their memberships on July 1 at the start of the new Rotary year.
- Scholarship awards are confidential.
- Approved recipients pay \$150 annual dues for the 2026-27 Rotary year. 50% in-person attendance at Monday meetings and attending the next available new member orientation session is expected. Volunteering to greet and taking on other responsibilities is strongly encouraged.
- Approved recipients pay \$300 annual dues for the 2027-28 Rotary year. 50% in-person attendance at Monday meetings is expected. Serving on a committee is strongly encouraged.
- Approved recipients begin paying the full dues rate at the beginning of the 2028-29 Rotary year.

**I have reviewed and agree to the scholarship guidelines.**

**Applicant's Signature:**

**Date:**

**Please tell us how receiving this scholarship would positively impact you or your organization financially.**

**Please discuss how you would bring diversity of thought or experience to Downtown Rotary.**