"Service Above Self” Scholarship Summary

The Midlothian Rotary Club “Service Above Self” Scholarship was created to encourage and promote community service and leadership among the graduating seniors of the Midlothian Independent School District student body, and reward the achievements of those student’s who have exemplified these ideals based on local and global community service involvement. The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. Midlothian Rotarians believe that generations, who develop a lifestyle of serving others, at an early age, will greatly enhance our community, country and world, but most importantly build a brighter future for citizens around the world. We thank you for your interest in applying for the Service Above Self Scholarship, and appreciate the efforts you have already made in serving others.

The Midlothian Rotary Club will award a total of (4) $1,500.00 scholarships to the top point earners from the graduating class of 2015.

Application Instruction and Deadlines

The student’s application may be disqualified if: (1) the student submits an application form other than the official Midlothian Rotary “Service Above Self” Scholarship form, (2) the identity of the student is revealed on the application form, or (3) persons other than the applicant student contact representatives of Rotary on behalf of the applying student for purposes of promoting the student’s application. All applicants must complete all of the questions on the Midlothian Rotary Club Service Above Self Scholarship application. This application will be reviewed anonymously.

Applications must be handed in not later than Friday, April 3, 2015 to:

MISD High School
Jenna Ballard - College / Career Liaison
jenna.ballard@midlothian-isd.net
Scholarship Eligibility: In order to be eligible for the Midlothian Rotary Club Service Above Self Scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:

• The applying student must have a permanent address in the Midlothian Independent School District. However, the applying student may attend a public, private, or home school within the Midlothian Independent School District.

• Applications may be obtained and returned to the MISD High School Guidance Center no later than Friday, April 3, 2015. http://www.midlothian-isd.net/mhsguidance/home

• Forms must be submitted to the Guidance Center by the application deadline. Service hours will not be accepted if the form is not complete and signed by all designated parties.

• The applying student must be classified as a senior and have met all the State of Texas education requirements to graduate on or before July 2015.

• Community service must be demonstrated on the application.

• The student must plan on attending a qualified college, university and/or vocational institution.

• The student must show an acceptance letter to the Midlothian Rotary Club President or club designee, to receive the scholarship. If the student does not attend a qualified college, university or vocational institution in the fall of the 2015, all scholarship funds must be reimbursed to the Midlothian Rotary Club.

• The student, the student's parent/guardian, and the adult supervisor of the service activity must sign documentation. These signatures are subject to verification by the Midlothian Rotary Club.

• Community service hours required as a result of legal/disciplinary actions against the student will not be accepted.

• Students should not receive monetary or in-kind payment for community service completed.

• Regular religious worship attendance or activities, which do not meet the definition of community service, will not be accepted.

• All Community Service hours must be served during the freshman through senior years.
Community Service Eligibility Requirements and Checklist: Students’ community service activities will be evaluated on a point system. Student names will be withheld from the Midlothian Rotary Club members and Committee. Only the Guidance Center at Midlothian High School will know the names associated with student ID numbers.

- Applicant must have completed at least 20-hours of community service within the calendar year prior to the date of the application deadline. Completed? ☐

- Applicant must attend at least one of the following:
  - MISD Board of Trustees board meeting ☐
  - City of Midlothian Council Meeting ☐
  - Ellis County Commissioners Court ☐

- Applicant will be required to provide a letter of recommendation turned into MISD High School Guidance Center. PLEASE REFER TO STUDENT BY ID # ONLY. Completed? ☐

### Community Service Points System

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<th>Points Per Hour Worked</th>
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<td>Per attendance of civic organization board meeting (MISD School Board, Midlothian City Council, County Commissioners, etc.).</td>
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<td>For every hour of service with an organization pre-approved through the MHS Guidance Center or Midlothian Rotary Club (max of 24 points in a day).</td>
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<td>Additional points per organization for assuming a leadership role in a community service activity. Maximum hours per leadership activity of 5. Beneficiary organizations representative will verify leadership role.</td>
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<td>Additional points for organizing and executing a service project based on the student’s own initiative, including Eagle Scotts, Gold Star and 4-H etc., will be verified with the beneficiary organization’s representatives.</td>
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- The Midlothian Rotary Club reserves the right to decline any service activity submitted, if deemed it does not meet the guidelines provided or the guiding principles of the Midlothian Rotary Club or Rotary International.

- The intent of the point system is to provide a fair and unbiased instrument for evaluating each student applicant. Therefore the scholarship will be based on actual service activities performed. Members of the Midlothian Rotary Club will not discuss a student’s point status with the student, family of student or friends of student.
Employment History

Place of Employment: ____________________________________________

Hours per week: ________

Educational Plans

Name of colleges/universities that you have applied to:

First Choice: _______________________________________________________

Second Choice: _____________________________________________________

Third Choice: _______________________________________________________

Intended Major (s): ________________________________________________

Service History & Accomplishments

1. Indicate any special recognitions, prizes, or honors, which you have received in high school. (You may attach separate, typed page if you wish).

2. List your extracurricular and community service activities and the year in which you participated. (Example: Football 9, 10, 11, and 12). Include all school, church, community activities, and/or volunteer services. (You may attach a separate, typed page if you wish).

4. ESSAY: Rotary is an international service organization of business and professional men and women dedicated to community service and the furtherance of world peace and understanding. In fact, the Rotary motto is “Service Above Self”. In a 150 words or less, tell what “Service Above Self” means to you. Please type your essay and staple it to your application.
Consent for Information Release

All of the information contained in this application will be kept in the strictest confidence. I understand that the Midlothian Rotary Club Service Above Self Scholarship is for $1,500.00 and if I am a recipient, I will receive a check, payable to the scholarship recipient, when I visit the Midlothian Rotary Club during the month of June 2015. I understand that reimbursement of this scholarship is required if I do not attend a college or university.

Student’s Signature Date: ________________________________

Parent’s Signature Date: ________________________________

All applications questions and essay must be returned to the MISD high school's Guidance Center by Friday, April 3, 2015.
Service Activity Submission Form

(Only one form is required for each organization) Make as many copies as necessary and return to the MISD High School Guidance Center no later than the Friday, April 3, 2015.

1. Organization Name: ___________________________ (See MISD Guidance Center Department)

2. If Not Pre-Approved, Organization Name: __________________________________________

3. Address: ___________________________ City: ________ State: ________ Zip: ________

4. Phone ________________ Email: ___________________________

5. Description of the purpose of the organization:

__________________________________________________________________________

6. Contact Name: ___________________________ Title: ___________________________

7. Service Student Provided: ____________________________________________________

8. Did the student assume a leadership role and serve for at least 5 hours? ☐ Yes ☐ No (if Yes, explain)

__________________________________________________________________________

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9. Date service began: ____________ Date service ended: ____________

   If multiple days, how many days during this time span? ______________

10. Total number of hour’s student completed for organization? ______________

    If submitting for required MISD School Board or Midlothian City Council attendance, check here: ☐

I affirm and verify that the referenced student completed the above-described service to the organization identified.

__________________________________________________________________________

Signature of Organization Representative ___________________________ Student ID Number ___________________________