



## Rotary Scholarship Program

### Application Instructions

The Sanibel-Captiva Rotary club is seeking qualified candidates to apply for a Rotary Scholarship only for attending the **Florida Gulf Coast University**. If you plan to attend a different University or College, please keep us in mind as we have other scholarships available next year (2025-2026). If you are interested and meet the qualifications outlined below, please complete the following Application and Questionnaire.

The Application must be post-marked by April 15. Return the Application and supporting documentation to:

Scholarship Committee  
**Email preferred: [chet@sanibelrotary.org](mailto:chet@sanibelrotary.org)**  
Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva  
P.O. Box 686  
Sanibel, FL 33957

#### Scholarship Requirements, Criteria

The scholarship will be awarded to a current student who enrolls as a full-time student at Florida Gulf Coast University. The scholarship award will be disbursed equally between the fall and spring semesters. The amount of the scholarship award will be governed by the annual budget of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Trust Fund the amount of the award will be \$1,600 semi-annually for the 2024-2025 school year. Scholarships may be renewed for up to the fourth year of college for students who demonstrate superior scholastic performance. The Application Deadline, with all supporting documents, is April 15. Scholarships will be awarded no later than May 15. Applicants must apply directly to FGCU to be considered. Their deadline is May 1st. Incomplete Applications will be rejected.

#### To be considered for this FGCU scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following conditions:

1. Currently a graduating senior attending a Lee County public high school or enrolled in an institution of Higher Learning.
2. Have maintained at least a B average, or recognized equivalent, for grades nine through eleven.
3. Enroll as a full-time student at FGCU and make applications through the FGCU financial aid department.
4. Qualify for "*need-based financial aid*" as determined through the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**.
5. Have participated in community service activities and agreed to complete at least 10 hours of community service each semester.
6. Preference may be given to students who live or work regularly on the islands, or whose parents live or work on the islands. This is not a requirement.

#### Evaluation Process

The Rotary Club's Scholarship Committee, will base their selection of the award recipient based on the following criteria:

1. The applicant's scholastic achievement based on High School/College transcripts and recommendations from the applicants teachers and school officials.
2. The applicants written responses on the questionnaire particularly related to needs and goals.
3. The applicant's community service activities.
4. An interview with the Sanibel Captiva Rotary Club scholarship committee.

#### Notes:

- \*The Office for Student Financial Affairs at the College, University, or Post-Secondary Institution will have to confirm whether a student meets the financial need and grade point average requirements.
- \*After the scholarship is awarded, the recipient must confirm at the end of each semester, on a form provided to them from the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary, that they have completed at least 10 hours of community service.



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### Documentation Required

- \* Complete and signed Application form, downloaded from the Rotary website.
- \* Students applying for our FGCU scholarship **must** also make applications through the FGCU financial aid department for the Foundation Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva Endowed Scholarship Fund in Memory of William Angst scholarship (<https://itech.fgcu.edu/es-secured/financialaid/scholarships.asp>).
- \* Two Letters of Recommendation from NON-Relatives
- \* Transcripts, SAT/ACT, as appropriate (unofficial transcripts for the most recently completed term)
- \* First and Second page of Applicant's most recent 1040 (if applicable)
- \* EFC (Expected Family Contribution) obtained from FAFSA

Any additional information or documentation that may be helpful to the Review Committee

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