



## Morning Star Rotary Scholarship Application

### **ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP:**

Ron Searfoss endlessly served his community as a Rotarian, including as Bethlehem Morning Star Rotary Club's past president and chair of the Salute the Troops concert. He was also a volunteer Santa Claus, a youth sports coach, a Mason, a member of Porsche Club of America's Riesentöter region, and a Green Bay Packers owner. He worked as a CPA, corporate controller, entrepreneur, non-profit financial manager, and college professor, and served his country in the US National Guard.

### **AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:**

Up to two (2) \$1,000 awards will be awarded each year.

### **QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES:**

Awards are available to any graduating Liberty or Freedom High School senior planning to pursue a higher education degree in education or other general major. Qualified students for scholarship must exemplify the Rotary principle of "Service Above Self," by demonstrating exemplary humanitarian service in their school, religious, and/or community activities with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others.

### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

Submit a college acceptance letter and an 100-150 word paragraph about why you care about community service.

The scholarship award is a check payable to the college or university of those selected to receive the award. It is a one-year award and cannot be renewed.

For consideration of the award, the attached application must be completed in full and submitted by the close of the school day on **April 24, 2026**, via postal mail or email.

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Bethlehem, PA 18016  
Email: [thefoundation@basdschools.org](mailto:thefoundation@basdschools.org) with the subject line "Morning Star Rotary Application"

The Morning Star Rotary Club will select scholarship recipients.

Questions: Jennifer Cunningham, Youth Services Chairperson, Bethlehem Morning Star Rotary at [RotaryJBL29@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryJBL29@gmail.com)

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**Application Deadline: April 24, 2026**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachments:** Please attach the following, which will help us with the award process.

**You should include:**

- College acceptance letter, if available at the time of submitting application. If selected as scholarship recipient, scholarship check will not be released until Justin Amann, Executive Director for The Foundation for the Bethlehem Area School District, receives college acceptance letter.
- 100-150 word essay about why you care about community service.

**Contact Information:**

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Attending in the Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Bursar #, ID # and/or Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my eligibility for this award is based on all information provided above being accurate and reflective of my educational plans at this time.

**Date of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_