



Thom Palmer Scholarship

\$500.00 for student entering the field of
Parks and Recreation



Thom Palmer, a charter member of the Rotary Club of Huntley, Illinois, USA, was a contributing participant, club President and Paul Harris Fellow. A long-time Huntley Rotarian established the annual \$500 Thom Palmer Scholarship for a resident of Huntley who is graduating from high school and will enter the field of Parks and Recreation. Beginning spring of 2022, the scholarship will honor Thom and his tireless work and leadership with Rotary and the Huntley Park District.

Thom strives to live by
the words of

John Wesley:

Do all the good you can,

By all the means you can,

By all the ways you can,

In all the places you can,

To all the people you can,

For as long as you can.

Thom Palmer retired in December of 2021 after 23 years as the first Executive Director of the Huntley Park District. Thom holds a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University and a master's degree from Aurora University. He is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional and has been a member and supporter of NRPA, IPRA and IAPD during his tenure. Thom began his career at the Crystal Lake Park District as a Recreation Supervisor and then on to the Oregon Park District as Superintendent of Recreation.

Thom led the HPD team in the acquisition and development of regional and neighborhood parks, as well as the creation of many programs and special events such as the Huntley Fall Fest. He was instrumental in the construction of the Stingray Bay Family Aquatic Center, the transformation of the old high school into a state-of-the art REC Center/Cosman Theater, purchase of the Pinecrest Golf Course along with the building of the clubhouse, development of the Tomaso Sports Complex, creation of the Deicke Discovery Zone (ADA accessible mega-playground) and the construction of the Ostrander Parks Maintenance Building.

Thom credits his success at the Huntley Park District to the Park Board of Commissioners (past and current) that had a great vision for the future of the Huntley area, a dynamic and creative staff, strong partnerships with local governmental agencies and the awesome residents of the fast growing and vibrant Huntley area community.



Scholarships

Information and Instructions - Scholarships 2024 Eligibility Applicant must be graduating in the spring of the year of the application and be a resident of School District 158. Individuals who live in the boundaries of School District 158 but attend another school are eligible.

Scholarships are for college costs related to enrollment in an accredited two- or four-year degree program. Rotary Club of Huntley proposes four types of scholarships, and each type, will have one or more awards:

- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) - \$400 each
- Academic (four-year university) - \$500
- Vocational (one-or-two-year community school) - \$500
- Thomas Palmer - one \$500 award for student enrolling in courses for Parks and Recreation Selection

Criteria Primary - Participation in Service Activities

The motto of Rotary International is Service Above Self. The Rotary Club of Huntley appreciates youth who serve others.

Secondary - not listed in the order of importance. The areas are weighted as follows:

- Academic Achievement - 20 points
- Financial Need - 10 points
- Personal Statement - 50 points
- School Extra Curricular - 10 points
- Non-School Extra Curricular - 10 points.

Applications must be neat and legible. Applications will be reviewed and scored by members of the Rotary Club of Huntley. Applicants may include a résumé. Rotary Club of Huntley Application Checklist:

- Application Form
- Information and Instruction Sheet
- Essay/Personal Statement - please limit statement to 300 words or less
- List of activities (include total hours of service for each activity and the academic year(s) when service was performed):
 - Community service
 - School service
 - Letters of recommendation signed
- Transcript Application deadline for submission to school counselor is March 15, 2024

Rotary Club of Huntley
Scholarship Application Spring 2024

Name _____ GPA _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Personal Email Address _____

Parent or Guardian Names _____

Intended Course of Study _____

College/Universities to which you applied _____

Accepted at _____

Estimated annual cost of tuition including room and board _____

Has any financial support been committed to you? _____

How do you plan to finance your education? _____

How did you find out about the scholarship?

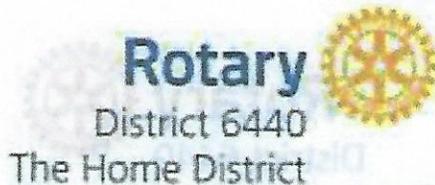
High School Counselor Word of Mouth Newspaper Other Affirmations: _____

- I affirm this application, including written essay, is my own work and all information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I will include information requested on checklist and submit package prior to deadline.
- I agree to provide a testimonial, either in writing and/or video prior to the end of my first year of secondary education studies regarding the benefit of the scholarship.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____



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I have read and understand this consent and release.

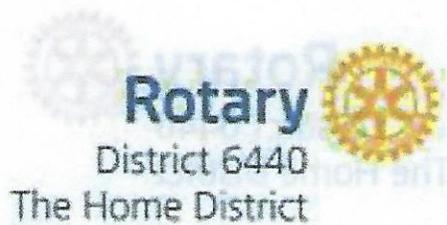
Application Date: _____

I give my consent to Rotary District 6440 and its Rotary Clubs to use my name and likeness to promote Rotary International, Rotary District 6440 and its clubs, and/or their activities.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/legal guardian (for students under age 18): _____

Date: _____



Photograph and Publicity Opt Out Form

Complete and return this form with your Vocational Scholarship Application only if you do not give permission for your photo, audio, or video to appear in Rotary publications and/or publicity, including the District 6440 website or social media. Please be advised that images and videos taken in public spaces and/or at public events do not require authorization for publication.

I do not authorize Rotary District 6440 or its officers, employees or agents, or give them permission to record my photographs or other images or likenesses in the form of audio, video, or any other medium, or to use, reproduce, modify, distribute, or publicly exhibit such recordings, in whole or in part, for any purpose. Further, I do not consent to the use of my name, voice, or biographical material in connection with any such recording.

I hereby confirm that I am of legal age (18) and have every right to contract in my own name as stated above. I further affirm that I have read the **Opt Out** information above and am familiar with its contents.

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