



St. Joseph/Benton Harbor Rotary Track Scholarship

TO: Superintendents/Principals/Athletic Directors
FROM: Benton Harbor/St. Joseph Rotary Scholarship Committee
DATE: February 2021
RE: **Rotary Track Scholarships History and Eligibility**

In 1977 the St. Joseph/Benton Harbor Rotary Club established the **Rotary Track Scholarship** to assist talented track athletes defray the cost of a college education. Since that time, over 125 seniors have been awarded grants toward their education. This year we will be awarding a total of three (3) \$2000 scholarships. (The check will be made out to the school of the student's choice.)

Athletic Directors will receive one (1) **scholarship application* (which may be duplicated) one (1) *information sheet* (which may be duplicated) explaining what is required to be considered for a scholarship and on what criteria applicants will be judged, and (1) *recommendation form* (which may be duplicated). Would you please make sure this information is available to senior track athletes and encourage those who might be eligible to apply? All high school students must be currently affiliated with a Berrien County school.

***It is important that the students use the format of these forms, especially in the Extra-curricular and Community service areas.**

ELGIBILITY:

- 1) Student must be a **senior**, enrolled in a Berrien County high school,
- 2) Student must be a **participant** in either track or cross country this school year,
- 3) Student must have at least a **3.0 GPA**,
- 4) Student must be planning to **attend a junior or four-year college** in the fall (participation in track or cross country NOT a requirement at that school)
- 5) Student must complete all information **requested** on the application form provided.

The judges' will also be considering the information taken from the application: extra-curricular activities, community service, SAT information, recommendations, and the interview.

***The completed applications and accompanying material must be:**

- a. **MAILED via the US Postal Service**
- b. **POSTMARKED no later than **MONDAY, APRIL 05, 2021** (No exceptions).**

*Should any material be received that is deemed incomplete, no interview will be granted.

Please encourage your students to complete the application as soon as possible. Interviews will be held on **FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021** with those applicants who meet the qualifications. Once the application is received, the applicant will be contacted to set the time for the interview. The actual method of interviews will be determined closer to the date. Students must be on time for the interview....those that are late will be denied an interview.

If you or any of your athletes have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail.

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