

**FORTUNA SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB**



**PAUL HARRIS**

**MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP-\$1,750**

**2025**

**APPLICATION PACKET**

## **FORTUNA SUNRISE ROTARY**

### **PAUL HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Paul P. Harris, the Founder of Rotary, was born in Racine Wisconsin on April 19, 1868. After graduating from the Law School of Iowa in 1891, he spent five years touring the world and learning to understand his fellow men. He returned to begin his law practice in Chicago in 1896. Through his practice he came to believe that business people and professionals could join in an atmosphere of friendship and fellowship to improve the quality of life in their local and world wide communities.

A small group who shared this vision met for the first time on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, IL. The group adopted the name Rotary because its members met, in rotation, in their various places of business. Paul Harris was instrumental in extending Rotary to other cities and by 1910 there were 16 clubs throughout the nation. The philosophy of the organization quickly spread beyond the United States. Paul Harris became president of the International Association of Rotary clubs when it was initially formed in 1912. The legacy continues. There are now about 33,000 Rotary clubs in over 150 countries throughout the world.

Fortuna Sunrise Rotary was chartered with forty members on February 23, 1995, the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Rotary. In recognition of February 23<sup>rd</sup> being Rotary International's World Understanding and Peace Day and to promote the memory of Paul Harris, Fortuna Sunrise Rotary has launched a community project. We have established the Paul Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Fortuna Sunrise Rotary is pleased to offer two \$1,750 scholarships in memory of Rotary founder, Paul Harris. Fortuna High School graduating seniors who share Paul Harris's vision of world harmony through understanding of and service to one's local and global community are encouraged to apply.

Applicants should be aware that these scholarships are not affiliated with those offered by Fortuna Rotary. In general, the two organizations have agreed to make efforts to recognize as many different and deserving students as possible. If a student applies for awards offered by both clubs and becomes a finalist for both clubs, members of the respective scholarship committees will determine which club's award will be given.

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**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,750**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT**

- A. Complete the application in your own handwriting. The required essay may be typed.
- B. Attach to this application certified copies of:
  - 1. Your high school transcript
  - 2. Your S.A.T. scores, if taken (Not required)
- C. Enclose information on an additional sheet if more space is needed to answer questions on the application.
- D. Three letters of recommendation are required. These letters should be from teachers, employers, or other people who know you well. These letters must be received by the committee no later than May 2nd 2025 either directly from the recommending person or as part of your application packet.
- E. **The application must be received by the committee by May 2nd, 2025.**
- F. Mail or deliver the completed application and attachments to:

Paul Harris Memorial Scholarship  
C/O Anderson, Lucas, Somerville & Borges  
1338 Main Street  
Fortuna, CA 95540

(Open Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm)
- G. The Scholarship Committee will evaluate each application according to the criteria established for the scholarship award. The successful applicants will be those students who best demonstrate a sense of imagination, an ability to communicate, and a commitment to their community.

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**APPLICATION**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

4. College or University you plan to attend:

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6. On a separate sheet of paper, please write an essay describing what you feel is a problem affecting the world community, and how you would address that problem on a local level.

7. On a separate sheet of paper please provide a list of your activities, awards, and volunteer work which reveal your interests and abilities.

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

**Student's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Student:** This form is to be completed by an individual who had knowledge of you and your worthiness for this scholarship.

**To the Recommender:** The scholarship for which the above named student is applying is given in memory of the Founder of Rotary, Paul Harris, who believed that business people and professionals could join in an atmosphere of friendship and fellowship to improve the quality of life in their local and world wide communities. He was dedicated to service to, and understanding of his fellow men.

Please complete this form to the best of your ability. In addition, please comment on your opinion of the student's character, such as integrity, courage of convictions, independence of thought, tolerance and understanding of others, trustworthiness, etc. Feel free to submit any previously written letters of recommendation for this student if you have already prepared such an item.

**Recommender's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Place of Employment** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title or Postion** \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle Appropriate Number	Poor			Average				Superior		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Attitude	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Motivation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Reliability	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Dedication to Goals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ability to make decisions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Interest in improvement	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Aptitude to pursue his/her chosen field of study	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

**Please provide comments, if any, on the reverse side of this form or on an attachment**

**Return this form to:**  
Fortuna Sunrise Rotary Scholarship Committee  
c/o Keith Borges  
1338 Main Street  
Fortuna, California 95540

**RECOMMENDATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN MAY 2nd, 2025**

