

FORTUNA SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB



ROGER RODONI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$1,250

(For Students Attending College of the Redwoods)

2025

APPLICATION PACKET

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INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

- A. To be eligible for the scholarship, you must be enrolled or planning to attend College of the Redwoods and not previously applied for or been eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- B. Complete the application as directed:
- C. The application, in the approved form, must be received by the committee by May 2nd, 2025.
- D. Mail or deliver the completed application and attachments to:
- Roger Rodoni Memorial Scholarship
C/O Anderson, Lucas, Somerville & Borges
1338 Main Street
Fortuna, CA 95540
- (Open Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm)
- E. 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 of Application _____

1. Full Name _____

2. Home Address _____

Home/Cell Phone _____

3. Date of Birth _____ E-Mail _____

4. College or University you plan to attend:

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

5. On a separate sheet of paper, please write an short essay (no longer than 1 page) describing why you feel it is important for you to maintain community involvement and be involved in leadership activities.
6. On a separate sheet of paper please provide a list of any accomplishments or achievements you have had, particularly any which highlight your community involvement or leadership activities.

Roger Rodoni was many things to many people: teacher, philosopher, confidant, loving husband, true friend, father, grandfather, and a man who loved his dogs. Roger was born in Scotia and, other than his years at Cal Poly, SLO, spent his entire life in Humboldt County. Proud of his long generational ties, he was a Humboldt County historian, and a third generation Native Son with an extensive collection of local historical documents and photographs. Roger loved Humboldt County.

Artist, blacksmith, cow man, scholar, rodeo cowboy, expert horseman, pilot, master of the deep pit BBQ and camp fire Dutch oven cooking and a skilled storyteller. A teacher and student of life, he lectured, preached, philosophized and found the talent in every man. He was a great observer of people and their actions – a watcher and a listener. He had a presence when he spoke – one felt compelled to listen because there was always a message in there somewhere. You always knew where he was coming from – he said what he meant and he meant what he said.

Roger was a friend to the environment and to the environmentalists, in ways that few people could see. He was a man who judged a person not by their politics but rather by their character. If you approached Roger with respect and good humor, he was your friend in a heartbeat.

Roger served three terms as a Humboldt County Supervisor. He was a powerful voice on the Board of Supervisors for individual rights and for the principles our country was founded upon. He was a member of Fortuna Sunrise Rotary, Humboldt-Del Norte Cattlemen's Association, California Cattlemen's Association, the Buckeye Conservancy, Farm Bureau, Grange, Fortuna Chamber of Commerce and Native Sons of the Golden West.