

# Commerce City Rotary

## Scholarship 2020

The Commerce City Rotary/Adams 14 Education Foundation awards a \$3,000 annual scholarship each year for up to 4 years for a total of \$1,500 per semester to a student attending an accredited 4 year institution and/or awards a \$1,500 annual scholarship each year for 2 years for a total of \$750 per semester to a student attending an accredited vocational institution. This scholarship is designed to help a student in the Commerce City area who can show financial need and demonstrate a degree of community involvement. Two scholarships are available each year and the Commerce City Rotary/Adams 14 Education Foundation Scholarship Committee will award scholarships as they see fit even if that means no applicant is chosen or only one is chosen.

### QUALIFICATIONS

1. Applicant must attend and be a full time student at Adams City or Lester Arnold .
2. Applicant must be a graduating senior or receive a GED during the spring of current school year.
3. Applicant must have a 2.5 GPA or higher.
4. Applicant must intend to enroll in a 2 or 4 year accredited institution of higher learning or accredited vocational school.
5. Applicant must show what school they are attending and letter of acceptance at the time of the formal interview.
6. Applicant will be selected by, but not limited to, the following considerations:
  - leadership and community service
  - personal and professional accomplishments
  - personal attributes
  - financial need
  - academic performance

### Terms and Conditions

The Commerce City Rotary Club/Adams 14 Education Foundation Scholarship is offered to any full time student attending Adams City or Lester Arnold High School and is a senior. The scholarship is an award of \$3,000 per year or \$1,500 per semester for an accredited 4 year institution or an award of \$1,500 per year or \$750 per semester for an accredited vocational institution to be used for tuition. A check will be issued to the school of choice once the student has provided the class schedule (first semester) and the upcoming class schedule as well as the preceding semester's transcript (future semesters).

The scholarship recipient must attend a minimum of one Commerce City Rotary meeting per academic year to update and inform the Rotary club of the recipients. The recipient will also meet with the Executive Director of the Adams 14 Education Foundation no less than twice a year to update and inform her/him regarding progress. The recipient will be asked to attend the Annual 14er Fest Dinner and meet with the Board of Directors of the Foundation as well as to report on the following:

- 1.) Progress toward their career goals
- 2.) Achievements made in that academic year and
- 3.) Goals for the following year.

This attendance and presentation to the Commerce City Rotary Club and meetings with the Adams 14 Education Foundation will determine the recipient's approval for funding for the following school year.

The scholarship recipient will be assigned a Rotary mentor and the recipient is required to be in contact with their assigned mentor each semester with updates, progress, questions or concerns.

Scholarships are annually renewable up to a maximum of four consecutive academic years (8 semesters or 12 quarters) if the recipient: 1) is making satisfactory academic progress as verified by college transcripts, 2) is of continuing good character and in good standing with the college, and 3) complies with the terms and conditions of the scholarship.

The student must maintain an overall 2.5 GPA; if the student's GPA falls below a 2.5, that student will receive a one-semester probation period to improve their GPA to the required minimum of 2.5. If the student does not increase their GPA by the designated time frame given by the Commerce City Rotary/Adams 14 Education Foundation Scholarship Committee, the Commerce City Rotary Club, in conjunction with the Adams 14 Education Foundation, has the right to review the student's circumstances individually and the student will either get an extension on their probation period or there will be a full forfeiture of the remaining portion of the scholarship. All extensions must be provided to the committee in writing before an extension will be reviewed.

The Commerce City Rotary Club, at its sole discretion, has every right to refuse a scholarship to any institution and student who does not fulfill the requested requirements, terms and conditions.

Each application will be reviewed and pre-screened by the Commerce City Rotary Club/Adams 14 Education Foundation Scholarship Committee. From the pre-screening process, only selected, qualified applicants will be invited to participate in the interview process.

## Application Process

1. Scholarship applications must include the following items:
  - Scholarship application form either typed or legibly hand written (page 4)
  - Student essay for Part II of application
  - Student essay for Part III of application
  - Four-semester transcript that includes GPA (official copy)
  - Four letters of recommendation. A letter from your principal is desirable but not mandatory
2. All application materials must be neatly arranged and complete.
3. Application materials must be hand delivered to the principal or counselor of residing school or Commerce City Rotary Scholarship Committee, Attention: Julie McCollam or Adams 14 Education Foundation, Attention: Dale Mingilton.
4. All three parts of this application must be typed or legibly hand written, and all questions must be answered. If a question does not apply, respond with "N/A"
5. Incomplete applications will be disqualified, as will those which fail to meet the deadline or which do not follow directions.

### Judging:

1. Scholarship applications are judged by a committee comprised of the Commerce City Rotary Club/Adams 14 Education Foundation Scholarship committee. No Rotarian whose student has applied for the scholarship may serve on the committee.
2. Judges may name first and second alternates to act as recipients in the event that the primary recipient forfeit for any reason.
3. Judging Criteria:
  - Neatness of application 0-10 points
  - Quality of work 0-20 points
  - Community involvement and Leadership 0-20
  - Personal and Professional Accomplishments 0-20
  - Letters of recommendation 0-20 points
  - Grades and academic performance (official transcript) 0-10 points
  - Total possible: 100 points

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The scholarship committee must receive the application and support materials no later than **March 9th, 2020**.

Interviews will take place **March 31st and April 1st, 2020**, time and exact date to follow. It is expected that you will come to the interviews with proper interview attire and professionalism. Scholarship recipients will be notified **by April 10th, 2020**. All scholarship recipients will be invited and must attend the Education Foundation's annual dinner "The 14er Fest" on **April 30, 2020** to have their achievements recognized.

Disbursement of scholarship funds for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester/quarter will be made upon the student's presentation of confirmation of enrollment. All subsequent funding is contingent upon confirmed continued enrollment in an accredited institution of good standing and evidence of a 2.5 GPA for the prior semester/quarter.

**PART I—SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Applicant's Name:			Birthdate:		
(Last)		(First)		(MI)	
Social Security #:			Male:		Female:
Mailing Address:					
(Street)		(City)		(State)	(Zip)
Phone:	Home:		Work:		Cell:
E-mail:					
Currently Employed:		Yes		No	If Yes, how long?
Name of Employer:					
High School attending:			Graduation date __/__/__		GPA:
College or vocational school to attend:					
Intended Major:					
Other financial aid applied for:					
Other financial aid granted, source and amount awarded:					
Family is able to provide support in college: Y N				If Y, Amount?	
Number in family:		# of Adults		# of Children	
Do you know any members of the Commerce City Rotary?		Yes No		If yes who:	

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## PART II—PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please submit a typewritten account of the following information. Your answer should be complete, yet concise.

1. Describe your scholastic achievements, school related extra curricular activities, community involvement, jobs held or other work experience. Include any awards or special recognition that you have received.
2. Provide any pertinent information that would indicate your financial need.

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## PART III—ESSAY

Please submit a typewritten essay, not to exceed 300 words per question, telling the committee about yourself, your accomplishments, goals, activities and any other items that you consider important.

1. What are your educational and professional goals?
  2. What are some of the activities in which you've been involved in and what have you learned from them?
  3. Tell us about a difficult situation in your life, how you overcame it and what it taught you?
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I certify that all of this information on this application and any supplementary forms are true and complete.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_