**2020 Nashua West Rotary Club**

**Scholarships**

The Nashua West Rotary Club distributes scholarships in four categories. These scholarships, distributed by the Nashua West Rotary Club, range in amounts from $500 - $2,500, and are given to deserving high school seniors from high schools in the greater Nashua area.

Any applicants who receive a Rotary Scholarship from another Rotary Club in the area will become ineligible to receive a scholarship from Nashua West Rotary. Scholarship applications are delivered to most of the local high schools (North, South, BG, Alvirne, Souhegan, Hollis-Brookline) Guidance Departments in mid-April.  Students can go to their school Guidance Department to pick up an application, or print it out from the web site. The submission deadline is late-May.  Scholarships given out at one of our Rotary West meetings in early June, when recipients and their parents/guardians are invited to attend. This year, scholarship interviews will be conducted via ZOOM and we expect the scholarship award ceremony to take place virtually as well. Specific dates are noted on the application.

The four categories of scholarships are as follows:

**The Rotary Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to high school seniors in the top 10% of their class who display overall excellence in academics, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement. Special consideration is given to financial need. Funds are provided by the Nashua West Rotary Club.

**The Suzie Fund Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who are **NOT** in the top ten percent of their graduating class. Rather the individual **must have demonstrated admirable improvement in academic achievement over their four years and/or demonstrated the ability to overcome some adversity that may have taken place during the four years or in their life.** The applicant must also demonstrate maturity, a desire to improve and succeed, and a proven capacity for potential achievement in college and beyond. Special consideration is given to those with financial needs. Funds are provided by the Nashua West Rotary Club from a special fund established in memory of Susan Szok.

**The Interact Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to high school seniors who display excellence in academics, extra-curricular activities and community involvement. Special weight and consideration is given to financial need and community involvement. Funds are provided by both the Nashua West Rotary Club and the Interact Club of Nashua North High School. Interact is sponsored by Rotary for high school students who desire to work to help respond to the needs of the community.

**Community College Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to one or more students who is a graduating high school senior going to be attending a Community College, and/or a current student of Nashua Community College, who is completing their first year of college. It is given to students who display a high standard in academics, extra-curricular activities and community involvement. Special weight and consideration for this scholarship is given to financial need. Funds are provided by both the Nashua West Rotary Club. Rotaract is sponsored by Rotary for college students who desire to give of their time and efforts to help respond to the needs of the community.