

Rotary Club of San Mateo

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San Mateo Academic Rotary Team – SMART Program

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Dear Students and Parents or Guardians:

The Rotary Club of San Mateo is pleased to let you know about our SMART (San Mateo Academic Rotary Team) Program that was established to motivate, coach and support graduating San Mateo middle school students. Rotary encourages students to think seriously about college, even before entering high school. The intent of these awards is to provide an incentive for students to continuously strive toward academic achievement and to pursue the goal of continuing their education beyond high school.

Awards will be granted to graduating eighth grade students who will be attending Aragon, Hillsdale, San Mateo or Serra High School. Each award recipient will be given \$500 to be held in trust at Borel Public Bank and Trust Company during the student's high school years. Recipients will also have a chance to earn an additional \$100 during each year of high school by participating in our goal setting activities. The accumulated money will be given to the student if he or she receives a high school diploma and provides proof of attendance at a two or four year college or university within two years of high school graduation. Rotarian coaches will encourage student efforts and support their progress.

All eighth grade students are eligible to apply. This is done by completing the attached application form and having it signed by a parent or guardian. Criteria for the SMART awards include the following: 1) Financial Need, 2) Academic Potential, and 3) Motivation. **The deadline for applications is March 9, 2007.**

The SMART Committee will screen all applications and interview finalists. SMART award recipients will be announced during their eighth grade graduation.

Sincerely,

Don Leydig
SMART Program Co-chair

Tom Thompson
SMART Program Co-chair



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Student's Name: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____
(Last) (First)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____
(Last) (First)

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

Home Phone: _____ email: _____

High school you plan to attend: _____

Date of Application for Award: _____

Are you also applying for a San Mateo Youth Foundation Scholarship? Yes _____ No _____

Please answer the following:

What are your favorite subjects in school and why?

Describe your activities in the following areas:

School:

Out of School:

Hobbies:



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In order to establish financial need, please provide the following information:

- What are the occupations of your parents or guardians:

Mother: _____

Do you live with her? Yes: _____ No: _____

Father: _____

Do you live with him? Yes: _____ No: _____

Guardian: _____

Guardian: _____

- How many brothers and/or sisters do you have: _____
- How many brothers and/or sisters are living at home: _____
- How many people in total (counting you, your brothers or sisters, your parents or guardians, and any other non-paying persons) are living in your home: _____
- What is your family's yearly income: _____
- Are you on your school's free or reduced lunch program: Yes: _____ No: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, write a short essay (200 words or less) describing your college and career goals, and how this scholarship would help you.

For completion by school staff:

Student's cumulative grade point average: _____

Brief Comments regarding student's motivation and need: (use other side if needed)