



Rotary Club of Key West  
**Paul J. Sher Memorial Scholarship**  
Application Form 2025

Dear Seniors:

Each year, the Rotary Club of Key West presents the **Paul J. Sher Memorial Scholarship of \$25,000 to an outstanding graduating high school senior in Key West. The award is based on financial need, academic achievement, and exemplary character demonstrated through leadership and service activities.** To be eligible to apply, students must meet the following parameters:

- Completed a minimum of 100 community service hours
- Achieved a minimum of a 3.0 unweighted GPA
- Achieved a minimum SAT score of 1100—OR—ACT score of 22
- Completed (or still enrolled in) a minimum of seven (7) DE and/or AP courses
- Have a Student Aid Index (SAI) of \$30,000 or less per the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Financial Aid)

This scholarship was named after the late Paul J. Sher, a past president of the Rotary Club of Key West. Mr. Sher was an active community leader who was committed to young people and the Object of Rotary. The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
2. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
3. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
4. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

To apply for this prestigious scholarship, the attached application must be completed and **submitted to your high school college counselor by the application deadline, Monday, March 10.** A committee made up of members of the Rotary Club of Key West will interview a pool of finalists. During the interview, the committee will want to hear about accomplishments and high school activities as well as academic and career goals and plans. Should you be selected as a finalist, you will be notified of the date and time for your interview.

Children and grandchildren of members of the Rotary Club of Key West are not eligible to apply.

Sincerely,

Rotary Club of Key West



**Extra-Curricular Activities**

List the most important extra-curricular activities (not employment) during your high school career.

Club/ Sport/ Organization	Dates of Participation	Positions/ Offices
1.		
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List awards, recognitions, and distinctions earned during high school. Do not include honor roll.

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**Community Service**

Community Service Hours (*Minimum of 100 hours required*): \_\_\_\_\_

List community service activities during high school. Briefly name/describe each activity.

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**Employment**

List jobs (including summer employment) you have held in the past 4 years.

Type of Work	Employer	Summer	School Year	Years	Hrs/week
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
4.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**Academics**

*Minimum requirements: 3.0 unweighted GPA; SAT score of 1100 –OR– ACT score of 22; total of 7 AP and/or DE courses (include current courses)*

Unweighted GPA	_____	Unweighted Rank	_____
Weighted GPA	_____	Weighted Rank	_____
SAT Score	_____	ACT Score	_____
# of Advanced Placement Courses	_____	# of Dual Enrollment Courses	_____

**College and University Plans**

List, in order of preference, the top three colleges/universities you are considering. Check the last column to indicate if you have finalized your choice.

Name	City, State	Applied	Accepted	Decided
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please list the degree(s) and major(s) and minor(s) you plan to pursue:

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Have you been accepted into any honors programs? If so, please list:

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**Financial**

Student Aid Index (SAI) from your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). *Maximum SAI for eligibility is \$30,000.*

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Please list all grants and scholarships you expect to receive, including the amounts. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the award is a one-time award or a recurring award. This includes Federal Pell Grants, military benefits, Take Stock in Children Scholarships, Florida Bright Futures Scholarships, and institutional scholarships. **ALL KNOWN FINANCIAL AID MUST BE DISCLOSED.**

Aid/ Scholarship/ Fund Name	Amount	One-Time	Annual	Other (please explain)
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In this space, explain any personal or family circumstances that may have a financial impact on your plans for college:

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## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Rotary Club of Key West's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at a regionally accredited postsecondary educational institution before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Scholarship applicants must**

1. **Attach** a 250–500-word, typed essay explaining your aspirations for your future, particularly focusing on your academic and career goals. Include noteworthy accomplishments, adversities overcome, unique experiences, and/or plans for the future that make you uniquely worthy of consideration for this scholarship.
2. **Complete** the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and submit your Student Aid Index (SAI).

To be considered for the Paul J. Sher Memorial Scholarship, attach your essay and a copy of your FAFSA along with this Scholarship Application Form and submit to your high school college counselor.

**Deadline: Monday, March 10, 2025**