



# Rotary Club of Ledyard

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## The Wesley J. Johnson, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto, *Service Above Self*. The Rotary Club of Ledyard was established in 1987 and conducts many service activities on behalf of the town and region.

Wes Johnson was one of Ledyard's most dedicated community and public servants. He was President of Ledyard Rotary from 2004-2005 and in 2005 was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow, the highest award bestowed by Rotary International. He also served as Mayor of Ledyard, Chairman of the Ledyard Town Council, President of the Ledyard Lions Club and the Ledyard Fair, and as a leader and volunteer for countless other local, regional and state organizations. Mr. Johnson modeled the values of Rotary and proved by example what can be accomplished through "Service Above Self."

The Johnson Scholarship was established by Ledyard Rotary in 2009 to memorialize Mr. Johnson's legacy of service, to promote the values and ideals of Rotary, and to inspire and support a new generation of community leaders. Although applicants must be of good academic standing, the scholarship is primarily a leadership and community service award.

Ledyard Rotary is now accepting applications for this year's Scholarship Awards: \$1,000 for the winner and \$500 for the runner-up. Each applicant must be a (1) graduating senior at Ledyard High School who is intending to pursue post-secondary education or active duty military service and a (2) resident of Ledyard who has (3) demonstrated leadership and a commitment to community service and the ideals of Rotary. The Selection Committee will review all applications and select finalists to be interviewed. Finalists will be judged on their records of leadership, extracurricular activities and community service, essays, letters of recommendation, and personal interviews.

A complete application includes the following:

1. This application cover sheet, completed by applicant.
2. **One-page** outline of academic, leadership, extracurricular, athletic, employment, and community activities and achievements and awards
3. **One-page** essay response to question: How have you lived the motto of Rotary, *Service Above Self*, and how are your future plans consistent with this theme?
4. Two **one-page** letters of recommendation from: (1) a school administrator, guidance counselor or teacher and (2) another person of the applicant's choosing.

Please submit the application package electronically to [michael.chin2@gmail.com](mailto:michael.chin2@gmail.com) by **March 30** If electronic submittal is not possible the application must be postmarked by the deadline and mailed to: Johnson Scholarship Selection Committee, Ledyard Rotary Club, P.O. Box 605, Ledyard, CT 06339. Please direct questions to Committee Chair Michael Chin at the above email address or 860-235-5628.

### Applicant Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names \_\_\_\_\_

Education/Career Plans After Graduation (*if known*) \_\_\_\_\_

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