



**RICHARD B "DICK" WATSON
\$2,000 *STEM* SCHOLARSHIP
(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH)
APPLICATION**

Deadlines to submit **one original** application packet: March 1st, 2018



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WHAT IS THE WATSON SCHOLARSHIP?

The Richard B. "Dick" Watson \$2,000 STEM Scholarship (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) scholarship consists of two, one-time scholarships awarded each year to graduating seniors from either Redwood, Mt. Whitney, Golden West, or El Diamonte high schools who have demonstrated excellence in both the classroom and extracurricular activities:

Scholarship for one female - \$2000

Scholarship for one male - \$2000

REQUIREMENTS

- Must attend one of the above-listed Visalia public high schools for at least two years
- Must plan on pursuing a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics
- Must be accepted and planning to attend a four year accredited university/college
- Must graduate in good standing with a grade point average of 3.8 or higher
- Must demonstrate excellence and/or leadership in one or more extracurricular activities during time at a Visalia public high school. Examples: Varsity sport captain or MVP, Multiple Varsity sports, notable achievements in the Arts, recognition for excellence in academic competition (math club, science fair, design contest, etc.)
- Must be someone who will be obtaining a four year degree
- Must maintain a 2.5 or higher G.P.A. over the first year in college

SELECTION PROCESS

Scholarships are awarded through a competitive review process. Applications will be judged using the following criteria:

- 35% Activities
- 20% Test Scores (SAT or ACT)
- 20% GPA and rigor of classes
- 10% Written statement
- 10% Letters of Recommendation
- 5% Financial Need

Only two applicants, one female and one male, will receive an award each year.



The offer of a scholarship is valid only during the academic period for which the offer is made. A scholarship is not transferable to another eligible institution of education.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND FUNDING PROCEDURES

The Scholarship will be announced prior to June 1st. Students selected for the scholarship will be expected to attend the year-end awards ceremony to honor the recipient and to recognize the Foundation. The scholarship funds will be available in the first semester and second semester. Scholarship funding will be available for the academic year following the presentation of the award. The recipient will receive a letter of instruction along with their award.

WHAT ARE MY REQUIREMENTS IF I RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Write a letter of appreciation to your donor immediately. Forward your letter to the Foundation office:

Visalia Rotary Community Foundation
11878 Avenue 328
Visalia, CA 93291

The Foundation office must receive your letter of appreciation before funding can be approved for disbursement. Appreciation letters must be received no later than July 1st or you may jeopardize your scholarship funding.

Your scholarship funding will be released in two equal payments:

- Fall scholarship funding will be delivered to you September 15th
- Spring scholarship funding will be posted to your student account at the college after February 15th

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

All questions regarding your scholarship should be directed to:

Susan Lucas
LucasSusans@Aol.com



WHERE DO I SUBMIT THE APPLICATION?

It is the responsibility of the student applicant to submit a complete packet (one original application packet). ***Please note: this must include a copy of your high school transcripts and copies of your SAT and/or ACT scores.**

Send to:

Visalia Rotary Community Foundation
c/o Susan Lucas
26773 S. Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277

No later than 12:00 p.m. on March 1st, 2018

If you have submitted a scholarship application package to your school, you can also speak to your school counselor or scholarship coordinator and indicate that this is a scholarship you are interested in applying for so that they can submit it to the committee for you.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Applications must be filled out in black or blue pen, print only
- Applications must be completed in full. Incomplete or incorrect information will jeopardize your application
- The application consists of 5 sections that must be completed in full. Where appropriate make "NA" for not applicable. If you are not sure please contact Mrs. Lucas to verify your answer.
- **There are eight sections to the application:**
 - Three forms to be filled out by the applicant
 - One copy of your high school transcripts
 - One copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores
 - One typed essay by the applicant, this is your opportunity to present yourself in the best possible light to the Scholarship Review Committee
 - Two recommendations:
 - At least one of which must be from an eligible institution of education faculty member
 - **Scholarship recommendations from a relative are not acceptable**
 - The completed, original scholarship recommendation forms may be forwarded directly to the Foundation office, or included with your packet
 - It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the Foundation office receives all scholarship recommendations no later than March 1st, 2018
 - Only original, signed letters of recommendation will be accepted – emails, faxes, and other formats will not be accepted. Recommendation forms are provided



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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student I.D. Number

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

Street Address

City

Zip

(____) _____ - _____
Day Phone

I plan to attend (University or College)

Academic Major

If your college plans change, you must notify your Counselor

Career Goal

Father's Name

Occupation

Mother's Name

Occupation

Number of family members including yourself _____

Number of college students in your family next year _____

Is either of your parents a veteran of the Armed Services ___ Yes ___ No



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**RECORD OF PARTICIPATION IN
STUDENT AND OUTSIDE-OF-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

List School Organizations, Clubs, Student Government, Athletics, outside-of School, Community service, or activities. List any projects, office, achievements, honors, or jobs

FRESHMAN

SOPHOMORE

JUNIOR

SENIOR



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CONFIDENTIAL FAMILY INCOME STATEMENT

Combined family income for 2017 (Check one)

- Under \$30,000**
- \$30,001 - \$50,000**
- \$50,001 - \$70,000**
- \$70,001 - \$100,000**
- \$100,001 or more**

You may include extenuating circumstances that have burdened the family financially position in your essay

TRANSCRIPTS

The application must include one High School transcript.
The application must contain one copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores
These transcripts must be included with your completed packet.

ESSAY

(Typed 12pt.) Submit a statement providing information that will distinguish you from other applicants in terms of your goals, aspirations, and achievements. You may indicate other information about yourself, or your family, which may help the scholarship committee discern your need for a scholarship.



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SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM 1

Letters of recommendation on this form only. No other format will be accepted

Applicant's name (Last, First, MI)

Student I.D. Number

1. What is your relationship to the applicant? (Please check)

- Employer/Supervisor
- _____ College faculty
- School/College support staff
- Other

Explain:

2. Please give your personal appraisal of the applicant (check one box)

	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Unable to evaluate
Communication skills					
Team player					
Self-reliance and initiative					
Organization and follow through					
Leadership					
Motivation					
Responsibility and conscientiousness					



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SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM 1 cont.

3. Please comment on any exceptional scholastic abilities and/or other accomplishments exhibited by the applicant:

4. Are you aware of any obstacles or financial hardships the student has had to overcome?

Signature

Title



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Date

SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM 2

Letters of recommendation on this form only. No other format will be accepted

Applicant's name (Last, First, MI)

Student I.D. No.

1. What is your relationship to the applicant? (Please check)

- Employer/Supervisor
- _____ College faculty
- School/College support staff
- Other

Explain:

2. Please give your personal appraisal of the applicant (check one box)

	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	Unable to evaluate
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Team player					
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SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM 2 cont.

3. Please comment on any exceptional scholastic abilities and/or other accomplishments exhibited by the applicant:

4. Are you aware of any obstacles or financial hardships the student has had to overcome?

Signature

Title



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