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## **Lompoc Rotary Club accepting applications for multiple \$1000 scholarships for local Lompoc graduates**

*Lompoc, CA — October 12, 2023* — The Lompoc Rotary Club will be awarding four \$1000 scholarships to Lompoc Valley graduates seeking to attend 2- or 4-year academic institutions or a vocational training school. The money can be used for tuition, supplies, tools, books, transportation and living expenses.

Any student from any high school or home-school in the Lompoc Valley is invited to apply October 15, 2023, through March 1, 2024. The applications with instructions will be available online at [lompocrotary.com/page/scholarships](http://lompocrotary.com/page/scholarships) and must be submitted electronically.

“Lompoc Rotary is looking forward to seeing applications to the annual scholarship program being offered to high school seniors going off to college or trade school,” states Ruth Moran-Shepard, current Lompoc Rotary President.

Since its inception in 1925 the Lompoc Rotary Club has granted more than \$50,000 in scholarships to college-bound high school seniors graduating from Lompoc area schools. This is the second year that scholarships will be awarded to vocational or trade school applicants, and this year the Lompoc Rotary club will be including a \$500 scholarship for their potential 2024 Lompoc Valley Flower Festival Queen candidate as well.

“The need for scholarships is growing because higher education has become more expensive,” says Asia Batastini, the Scholarship Committee Chair for Lompoc Rotary. “The Lompoc Rotary Club’s Scholarship Program helps bridge the gap between family resources and the cost of higher education. By supporting education through scholarships, Rotarians are expanding possibilities for Lompoc students and strengthening the community.”

Rotary International reports that over 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That’s 17 percent of the world’s adult population. Rotary’s goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

For more information about the Lompoc Rotary Club and its upcoming projects, please visit [www.LompocRotary.com](http://www.LompocRotary.com)