



Attention: High School Juniors and Seniors

The Rotary Club of

Announces the Annual 2026 Essay Contest

Theme: Unite for Good

Rotary International's theme this year, *Unite for Good*, reminds us that meaningful change happens when people come together with a shared purpose. Students are invited to reflect on how collaboration, service, and perseverance can create lasting impact.

Essay Prompt:

Please reflect on the meaning of *Unite for Good* in your own life, school, or community. Describe a specific example where uniting for a common purpose made a difference. Why is it important to think beyond short-term goals and build something that endures?

Essays should demonstrate reflection on Rotary's values and highlight how collaboration, service, and commitment can help shape a better world.

Format:

Approximately 1,000 words, Typewritten and double-spaced

PRIZES:

\$1,000 — FIRST PLACE (District)

\$500 — SECOND PLACE (District)

\$250 — THIRD PLACE (District)

Local prizes vary by Club

Deadline:

February 6, 2026, to your local Rotary Club contact. Essays will be judged by a committee of local Rotarians. The local winning essay will advance to District-level judging.

Submission Instructions:

Essays must be saved as a **PDF file** and attached to an email. Google Docs and links will not be accepted.

Rotary Contact:

Submit Essay to your local Rotary Club.

Essays must be written entirely by the student. Use of artificial intelligence tools for drafting, rewriting, or editing is not permitted. Submissions found to violate this policy will be disqualified.