

District Grant Report

Rotary Club: La Mirada

Project Title: Student Scholarships 2013-2014 Project P-219

☐ Progress Report ☒ Final Report

1. Briefly describe the project. What was done, when and where did project activities take place, and who were the beneficiaries?

The Rotary Club of La Mirada will be providing several scholarships to high school students graduating from La Mirada High School on June 1, 2014. The recipients include students from the Interact Club sponsored by the Rotary Club of La Mirada. Applications were distributed on the campus by the Rotary Club liaison to the La Mirada Interact Club. Applications were then screened by a five member committee of La Mirada Rotary Club members. The final awards were selected based upon a combination of academic performance, economic need, and demonstrated activity in terms of community service. The deadline for applications was April 24 and recipients were selected and Club approved on May 7. Club funds to support this project were raised through donations and sales at an annual fireworks booth. Scholarships will be awarded by the Rotary Club at the Senior Tea to be held at La Mirada High School on June 12.

2. How many Rotarians participated in the project?

All members were involved in the raising of funds for the scholarships, either by direct contribution of money (15 member) and/or working at the fireworks booth to raise funds (14 members). The entire club was kept aware of the progress of the application process through updates at weekly club meetings.

3. What did they do? Please give at least two examples.

As previously noted, all members either directly contributed to, or worked at the fireworks stand to raise funds for the project.

In addition, several La Mirada Rotarians were involved in developing the criteria and developed an updated application packet for the scholarship program. Included in the packet was a document developed by the team to assist the student in writing a "personal statement." Response from the school counselors to this particular document has been very positive. In fact, one of the counselors stated that "it was probably one of the best examples of how to write a personal statement, I have ever seen."

A committee of five other Rotarians reviewed the submitted applications. Using a grading process (Ordinal Ranking), the committee selected the scholarship recipients, and, with the concurrence of the Club members approved the final recipients.

The Club President along with another Club member will be presenting the scholarships to the recipients at the Senior Tea on June 12. Club members will also host the students at one of the weekly luncheons to honor the students.

4. How many non-Rotarians benefited from this project?

Due to the generous donation by an honorary member, made in memory of one of La Mirada Rotary's Charter Members, the Club was able to award six scholarships. In addition, the Club members voted to increase the Club's contribution by \$500 to accommodate one additional student since the scoring was so tight. The names and amount awarded are as follows:

Mason MacDougall	==> \$1,500
Elvia Cabrera	==> \$1,000
Chanel Patel	==> \$1,000
Ryan Poff	==> \$ 500
Adam White	==> \$ 500
Tania Roa	==> \$ 500

Copies of checks have been uploaded to the MatchingGrants.org website.

5. What are the expected long-term community impacts of the project?

These scholarships will provide direct financial assistance to the selected students, and will relieve their families of some of the financial burdens associated with higher education. In a larger sense, the La Mirada community and society as a whole will benefit from having better educated citizens.

It is hoped that these students and their family members may support Rotary projects, and perhaps become Rotary members, at some time in the future.

The whole scholarship process increased the awareness of Rotary at La Mirada High School, especially among the faculty and counselors.

6. If a cooperating organization was involved, what was its role?

Interact Club members at La Mirada High School received information on the scholarship project.

Teachers and counselors at La Mirada High School were involved in writing letters of recommendation and assisting the students in writing their personal statements.

Financial Report – Be sure that Income equals Expenditures!

7. Income	Amount
1. District Grant funds approved by the District	\$1,500
2. Club contribution	3,500
3. Other funding (specify)	
Total Project Income	5,000

8. Expenditures - please be specific and add lines as needed - receipts must be attached

1. Scholarship Awarded To: Mason MacDougall	\$1,500
2. Scholarship Awarded To: Elvira Cabrera	\$1,000
3. Scholarship Awarded To: Chanel Patel	\$1,000
4. Scholarship Awarded To: Ryan Poff	\$ 500
5. Scholarship Awarded To: Adam White	\$ 500
6. Scholarship Awarded To: Tania Roa	\$ 500
Total Project Expenditures	\$5,000

9. By signing this report, I confirm that to the best of my knowledge these District Grant funds were spent only for eligible items in accordance with Trustee-approved guidelines, and that all of the information contained herein is true and accurate. Receipts for all grant-funded expenditures have been provided to the district. I also understand that all photographs submitted in connection with this report will become the property of RI and will not be returned. I warrant that I own all rights in the photographs, including copyright, and hereby grant RI and TRF a royalty free irrevocable license to use the photographs now or at any time in the future, throughout the world in any manner it so chooses and in any medium now known or later developed. This includes the right to modify the photograph(s) as necessary in RI's sole discretion. This also includes, without limitation, use on or in the web sites, magazines, brochures, pamphlets, exhibitions and any other promotional materials of RI and TRF.

Certifying Signature

Hal Malkin

Date: May 13, 2014

Print name, Rotary title, and club

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