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Undergraduate Grants Committee
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Dear Gundaker Director:

Enclosed please find the 2017-2018 editions of the application forms for a Gundaker Foundation Undergraduate Grant. These grants are for undergraduate students entering their junior or senior year during the fall term of academic year 2017-2018.

Last year we received eighteen applications that were sponsored by thirteen Rotary Clubs within our District. Many (5) clubs sponsored two applicants. Seven winners were selected and the sum of their grants totaled $15,000. Please do not short change the students of your service area by not giving them the opportunity to compete in this competition. Get your club involved! Encourage your club members to participate by having them help you to interview and select your candidates. Let your community know about the competition and what your Rotary Club is doing by filling out the enclosed PRESS RELEASE and sending it to your community newspapers or take out a classified ad to start the process. Send your release or ad to the papers in time [give them a couple of weeks lead-time] for them to run your announcement before and around the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays when the students are home from school. You may find a winner!

The Undergraduate Grants Committee will accept two (2) endorsed candidates from every Rotary Club that participates. Clubs must INTERVIEW candidates and THOROUGHLY REVIEW all of their application materials for completeness. Endorsing Clubs must insure that Four (4) collated sets, an ORIGINAL, PLUS three copies of each candidate's application papers are forwarded to the committee for review. PLEASE, be sure to ATTACH COPIES OF YOUR CLUB'S ENDORSEMENT LETTER TO EACH SET of your candidate's APPLICATION PACKAGE.

Remember, get your applications back from your candidates by about January 16th, do your club interviews to pick your candidates and submit their 4 application sets to the Undergraduate Grants Committee by February 24th, 2017. Applications received after February 25th will not be considered.

Please make copies of these materials, as necessary, for all of your club's student competitors.

Thank you for your continued support of the program and your assistance in helping the students qualify for this year's competition.

Good Luck!

Dottie McGill, Chairperson
Undergraduate Grants Committee