

Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Rotary Scholarships

Traditionally BH-BL Rotary has awarded several Scholarship Awards. A description, the procedure and the process for making the awards is listed for each of the awards in the following information.

The Award for Citizenship, Award for Education, the Jack and Mary Wolfe Scholarship are given to BH-BL graduating high school seniors and presented at the Honors Night Program. These awards will be reviewed annually by the Rotary Board of Directors and approved by the membership. The review will be completed by the end of March so that the high school Principal can be notified of the awards. The procedure and process for selecting the award recipients should be reviewed with the school principal and/or appropriate school staff by the Rotarian designee.

When presenting each award at Honor's Award Night, it is recommended the club representative – usually the President – use the following steps: a. describe the award using descriptive language for each award that is listed below, b. announce the name of the award winner, and c. describe the award recipient using the bio provided by the school.

BH-BL ROTARY AWARD FOR CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE

This award is given in honor of many great BH-BL Rotarians like Dr. Stanley Garrison, Ken Fritz, Bill Sewell and others whose commitment, dedication, and generosity has made a lasting impact on our community. It is a \$1500 award to a graduating senior selected because he/she has demonstrated leadership, honesty, responsibility, and compassion. This student should exemplify the true meaning of citizenship and have shown an uncommonly strong commitment to service both to the school and our community.

Criteria for candidate selection:

An outstanding BH-BL graduating senior who:

- Exemplifies the true meaning of citizenship within the school and community.
- Has shown leadership and compassion for their fellow students.
- Has shown an uncommonly strong commitment to service in our community.
- Has demonstrated honesty and responsibility.
- Who is in positive academic standing and intends to continue their education in a 2 or 4 year college/university.

Nomination and selection process:

Principal of BH-BL High School selects with input from staff as follows:

- Guidance department based on student information sheets completed by each graduating senior, which detail the community service involvement during high school career.
- Additional input collected from service based groups within the school (Interact, National Honor Society, Hand-in-Hand, Student Government, etc.) and from service groups in the community.

- The full name and address of the selected recipient and a brief bio will be given to the designated Rotarian by the Vice Principal preceding the Honor Awards Program.

This award is provided through Rotary fund raising events such as the Apple Run, the Apple Pie Festival, the Pancake Breakfast and others.

BH-BL Rotary Award for Education

The BH-BL Rotary Award for Education is given in honor of Jennie Pennington and others whose decades of commitment and dedication to the education of thousands of children in this community and around the state. Jennie Pennington was the first female Rotarian in the BH-BL Rotary Club. She was Principal of BH-BL High School for many years. This \$1500 award is given to an outstanding graduating senior who has elected to pursue a career in education.

Criteria for Candidate Selection:

- Intends to pursue a career in education.
- Has a positive academic standing.
- Has been accepted to study education in a 2 or 4 year college or university.
- Has shown leadership and compassion with their fellow students.
- Has demonstrated honesty and responsibility.

Nomination and selection process:

Principal of BH-BL High School selects with input from staff as follows:

- Guidance department based on student information sheets completed by each graduating senior, which detail community service involvement during high school career.
- Academic record is strong.
- Additional input collected from faculty predicting success in the profession of teaching.
- The full name and address of the selected recipient and a bio will be given to the designated Rotarian by the Vice Principal preceding the Honor Awards Program.

This award is provided through funding generated by an annual Rotary golf benefit.

The BH-BL Rotary Jack and Mary Wolfe Scholarship

The BH-BL Rotary Jack and Mary Wolfe Award is given in honor of an innovative man and his wife. Mr. Jack Wolfe's background in chemistry and his inventive spirit helped save lives in World War II and led to a successful career with General Electric. As a result of Jack Wolfe's ingenuity, he was ultimately named on more than two dozen patents. Jack Wolfe's commitment to our community and to people in need around the world was phenomenal. Mary Wolfe also worked actively in the community especially offering leadership for the creation of the BH-BL Community Library. Mary Wolfe worked to establish a community day care program for community pre-school children. The Jack and Mary Wolfe Award is presented to an outstanding senior who has been accepted at a college or university for study in the field of science. The winning student must be involved in the school and community and possess a high regard for citizenship. This is a \$1000 award.

Criteria for Candidate Selection:

An outstanding BH-BL graduating student who:

- Has shown a strong aptitude and intent to continue in the field of science.
- Who is in positive academic standing.
- **Has a financial need of this award.**
- Has shown a strong commitment to service in our community.
- Has demonstrated honesty and responsibility.

Nomination and selection process:

Principal of BH-BL High School selects with the following input of designated others:

- Facilitation of the Rotary Interact Teacher/Advisor and Designated Rotarian in collaboration with the faculty of the Science Department.
- Guidance department based on student information sheets completed by each graduating senior.
- The full name and address of the selected recipient and a brief bio will be given to the designated Rotarian by the Vice Principal preceding the Honors Award Program.

This award is provided through the generosity and dedication to young people by the Jack and Mary Wolfe family.

BH-BL Rotary Charlton Girls School Scholarship Fund

This award is a contribution paid directly to the Charlton Girls School Scholarship Fund to be used to support their scholarship program. This program is designed to encourage students to strive for self-improvement during placement at the Charlton Girls School and after discharge by providing financial aid in the form of grants, scholarships and no-interest loans to students who demonstrate a motivation and ability to seriously pursue a post-secondary education. The institution the student chooses must be eligible for Federal financial assistance. The \$1000 contribution is provided by fund raising projects. This Award is presented at the Annual Rotary picnic held at the school.

BH-BL Rotary Interact Award

Interact is a high school service organization that stands for International Action and is sponsored by Rotary. The BH-BL Interact club is involved with a multitude of local, regional, national and international service projects that brings aide to those who need it. The BH-BL Rotary Interact Award is given to an upper classman who has been a devoted and committed member of the club. The recipient of this award is a student who demonstrates selfless service to others, a strong work ethic, positive leadership skills, a friendly and welcoming demeanor. This \$100 award should be a surprise award given at the year-end Interact meeting.

Criteria for Candidate Selection:

An upper classman who:

- Has been actively involved in the Interact Club
- Has provided leadership for Interact Club activities
- Has demonstrated service within the school and community
- Has a positive academic standing.

Nomination and selection process:

- BH-BL Faculty Advisor selects with the involvement of the designated Rotarian.

This award is provided from Rotary fund raising events and in support of this model Rotary youth program.

The Bartlett Award

This award given to a student at Schenectady Community College in the study of fire science is provided by matching funds from the Bartlett family and Rotary funds. Mr. Mel Bartlett was a dedicated, long serving Rotarian who provided outstanding service to the community. The recipient of the award is selected by SCCC faculty in coordination with Walter Grattidge, the designated Rotarian.