The Wilbur Smith Rotary Graduate Scholarship is intended to meet the needs of service minded graduate students who plan on attending Texarkana’s local university, Texas A&M University Texarkana. Current Wilbur Smith Rotarians are not eligible to receive this scholarship. Graduate applicants must have maintained a 3.0 GPA during Undergraduate School (for 1st year graduate students) or a current 3.0 GPA for students currently enrolled. Because these funds are limited, we ask that you only apply if you meet these criteria.

Scholarship decisions will be based primarily upon need, with consideration given to academic achievement, participation in the community, and future leadership potential.

Applications will be accepted from July 15, 2018 through August 15, 2018.

Graduate Student scholarships includes a $1,500 scholarship (split evenly between the Fall and Spring Semester) one year of FREE Wilbur Smith Rotary Club Membership, a wonderful opportunity for a local graduate student to become immersed in the social network of the business community. Scholarship acceptance will be contingent upon student’s commitment to attend no less than 50% of Rotary meetings every Thursday at noon (food is served!) and to participate in no less than 3 flag day projects (flag delivery, construction, or loading).

By submitting this application, you are agreeing to these terms – with the understanding that 2nd semester disbursement will be withheld if these terms are not upheld.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DUE TO THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS, NOT EVERY APPLICANT WILL RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP EVEN IF YOU ARE SELECTED FOR AN INTERVIEW.

We thank you for your interest and recognize your hard work and effort during undergraduate school. We wish you luck in your future endeavors whether we can award you a scholarship or not.

A complete application package must include the following information. (Please double check):

- Completed Application Form
- Transcript (Official or Unofficial)
- One letter of recommendation
- Proof of Admissions
- Resume (optional)

For more information or to submit an application, please email

WSRotaryScholarships@gmail.com

You may also mail completed packets to:
Wilbur Smith Rotary Scholarship Committee
5502 Cowhorn Creek, Ste. C, Texarkana, TX 75503
Dear fellow Rotarians,

One year ago, your Rotary International Board of Directors adopted a new vision statement, reflecting our aspirations for our organization and its future. It reads, “Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.”

That simple sentence distills so much of what is essential about Rotary. We unite, because we know that we are far stronger together than we could ever be alone. We take action, because we are not dreamers, but doers. We work to create lasting change that will endure long after our involvement has ended — across the globe and in our communities. And perhaps most important of all, we work to create change in ourselves — not just building a better world around us, but becoming better people ourselves.

A quotation attributed to French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry goes: “If you want to build a boat, don’t begin by collecting wood, cutting boards, or assigning tasks. Begin by awakening in the souls of your workers a longing for the vast and boundless sea.” Each of us came to Rotary because we had a longing — to make an impact, to make a difference, to be part of something larger than ourselves. That desire, that vision for a better world and our role in building it, is what drives us in Rotary. It’s what made us become members, it’s what motivates us to serve, and it’s what led me to choose our theme for this Rotary year: Be the Inspiration.

I want to see Rotary Be the Inspiration for our communities by doing work with a transformational impact. It’s time to start moving forward, by removing the barriers that are holding us back. Let’s make it easier to make adjustments in our clubs or start new clubs that suit different needs. Let’s work to strengthen Rotaract and smooth the transition from Rotaract clubs into Rotary. Let’s give all Rotarians the flexibility to serve in the ways that work best for them, so that every Rotarian finds enduring value in Rotary membership.

Truly sustainable service, the kind of service we strive for in Rotary, means looking at everything we do as part of a larger global ecology. This year, I ask all of you to Be the Inspiration for sustainable service by addressing the impact of environmental issues on our work. The environment plays a key role in all six of our areas of focus, and that role is only becoming greater as the impact of climate change unfolds. It’s time to move past seeing the environment as somehow separate from those six areas. Clean air, water, and land are essential for healthy communities — and essential for the better, healthier future we strive for.

Be the Inspiration — and together we can, and we will, inspire the world.

BARRY RASSIN
President, Rotary International
Wilbur Smith Rotary Club Graduate Scholarship Application Form

I, __________________________________________, have read and understand the conditions of the Wilbur Smith Rotary Scholarship as explained in the introduction. I affirm that I plan to pursue a graduate degree at Texas A&M University-Texarkana in the Fall of 2018. I understand that this application will be available only to qualified members of the scholarship committee who need to see it in the course of their duties to select scholars. If selected as a Wilbur Smith Graduate Scholar, I agree to attend no less than 50% of Rotary meetings every Thursday at noon and to participate in at least 3 flag day projects for the year. I understand that this membership is free for one year. I affirm that this application, is my own work. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date _____________________ Signature __________________________________________

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Describe one specific example of your leadership.

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Describe a recent particularly satisfying public service activity

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More than 60 years ago, in the midst of the Great Depression, a U.S. Rotarian devised a simple, four-part ethical guideline that helped him rescue a beleaguered business. The statement and the principles it embodied also helped many others find their own ethical compass. Soon embraced and popularized by Rotary International, The Four-Way Test today stands as one of the organization’s hallmarks. It may very well be one of the most famous statements of our century.

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all Concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Please list below what addition to the Four Way Test you might suggest – a 5th “thing that all Rotarians should say and do” – and why

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2017-2018 Rotary International President, Barry Rasisin, recently released the enclosed President’s Message accompanied by this year’s theme: Be the Inspiration.

Read the President’s Message. Several ways to Be the Inspiration are listed. Which specific one resonated with you, and why?

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What additional personal information do you wish to share with the Wilbur Smith Rotary Scholarship Committee?

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APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15, 2018

Please mail completed applications and the documentation required to:

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