

**2022**  
***The Archie Stewart Rotary  
Scholarship Packet***

***Deadline: April 15, 2022***



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# **The Archie Stewart Rotary Scholarship Fund**

## **CRITERIA**

A \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded to one (1) graduating student, payable at \$1,000 per year over four(4) years.

Each scholarship recipient must:

- Be a graduate of NFA and remain a student in good standing in an accredited institution of higher education, in accordance with the wishes of the late Archie Stewart.
- Recipient shall have a minimum cumulative GPA of 85% while at NFA and maintain at least an 80% GPA while in college.
- Recipient must display a high degree of good moral character and community involvement, and must demonstrate an interest in improving the greater Newburgh area following graduation from college.

## Who was Archie Stewart?

The late Thomas Archibald Stewart was best known for his role in the establishment of Stewart Airport. It was “Archie” who suggested to his family that they donate the land west of Newburgh to the city to be used for aviation. The airport, begun in 1930 by the city and finished just before World War II by the Army Air Corps, is named after the Stewarts as a reminder of their foresight and generosity.

Archie joined Newburgh Rotary Club in 1923, just 6 years after the club was founded. For over 70 years, he was an active and loyal member of this community service organization.

It was Archie, and his wife Mary, who donated the “seed money” for Newburgh Rotary to establish a scholarship award. Archie’s only request was that the award be used to - *Assist a worthy Newburgh Free Academy student wishing to obtain further education.*

With the aid of The Newburgh Rotary Club, the Archie Stewart Rotary Scholarship was established and made its first award of \$500 to Luis Castro in 1993. Since then, with contributions from Newburgh Rotary, the Stewart family and local businesses, the fund has grown to allow us to increase our award to the present level.

Through this award, the generosity of Archie and the Stewart family continues to have a positive impact on the Newburgh area. It is our hope that the recipients of the Archie Stewart Rotary Scholarship Award will carry on the tradition of the Stewarts, and Rotary, and continue to contribute to the future of Newburgh.

***Board of Directors  
Archie Stewart Rotary  
Scholarship Fund***

## **Part 1:**

Purpose: Provide financial assistance to an NFA Graduate who is continuing their formal education.

### ***Selection Criteria:***

1. Academic Ability
  - a. High school grades
  - b. Likelihood of success in continuing education
  - c. Evidence of growth as a responsible student
2. Community Involvement
  - a. Church, civic, volunteer activities
  - b. Extracurricular activities in school
3. Other Activities
  - a. Job
  - b. Non-school seminars, retreats, etc.
4. Acceptance in qualified post-secondary education
5. Satisfactory interview with Scholarship Fund Board

### ***Selection Process:***

1. Application
  - a. Personal Information
  - b. Essay
  - c. Letter of recommendation
  - d. Interview (finalists)

### ***Final Selection:***

Final selection will be determined by the Board of Directors of the Archie Stewart Rotary Scholarship Fund, based on the criteria set forth above. The Board has sole authority to award this scholarship and its decision is final.

Award: To be made as follows:

\$1,000 during 1<sup>st</sup> year upon request from student or financial aid office, accompanied by proof of full time registration.

\$1000 each year for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> years, upon request from student or financial aid office accompanied by proof of continued full time attendance.

Student must have maintained an average of B or above for prior year. Transcript must be provided.

To apply for this scholarship, please go to your  
guidance office.