

Rotary Club of Blaine and Ham Lake

STRIVE Program

Purpose:

The STRIVE program is designed to demonstrate to young adults that establishing goals and challenging them will result in higher performance. STRIVE targets the lower 1/3 of a senior class at the local high school and provides incentives in the form of scholarships and regular interaction with community leaders to motivate students to achieve higher results. Scholarships are awarded for the greatest improvement in grade point average and also for the best attendance.

Partnership:

- Blaine / Ham Lake Rotary Club
- Blaine High School
- Spring Lake Park High School

Mission:

To challenge, motivate and reward high school seniors who have the greatest opportunity for academic improvement!

Opportunities:

- Strive is an opportunity for reaching goals.
- Strive is for High School Seniors who want to improve their status and future life prospects.
- Strive recognizes and rewards participating students who demonstrate their desire for success by achievement in the classroom.
- Strive honors participating students who accomplish the goals of this program.

Commitment:

- Academics—Improving your cumulative GPA average during your senior year.
- Attendance—Maintaining a 90% school attendance level and attending twice a month strive meetings during the school day.
- Attitude—Having a positive approach to learning and following the student codes of conduct.

Rewards:

- Recognition Breakfast for students and parents sponsored by Blaine / Ham Lake Rotary Club.
- Scholarships awarded for enrollment at accredited college of higher learning.
- Scholarships are matched by Anoka Ramsey Community College and Anoka Technical College.

Three important things to build self-respect and have some success in life:

- Show up
- Do a little work
- Don't have a chip on your shoulder

"The students in the top two-thirds of the class aren't any better than you, they just do these things and you can, too."

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Who Recruits?

Strive Scholarship

What Is It?

For the three students that attain the highest GPA point increase during their senior year the following scholarships are to be awarded:

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|----------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Top GPA improvement | \$1,000 |
| 2. 2 nd Highest improvement | \$1,000 |
| 3. 3 rd Highest improvement | \$500 |

In addition the best Strive class attendance will receive a \$500 scholarship. Any tie will be broken by considering overall school attendance.

To receive the scholarship award please have your college send a copy of your fee statement to us for reimbursement. We will send the reimbursement directly to the college. The college must be a duly accredited institution of higher learning. Your scholarship must be claimed by July 1, 2009 or be forfeited.

Anoka Ramsey Community College and Anoka Hennepin Technical College foundations have agreed to match these awards should you attend either institution.

At the end of the year, all applicants will have the 11th grade cumulative GPA subtracted from the cumulative GPA through the senior year. The individual with the greatest improvement will be the winner.

Are There Only Four Winners?

No, everybody who improves their GPA is really a winner, but the Blaine /Ham Lake Rotary Club is prepared to reward four students who make significant improvements.

How Do I Apply?

You must fill out a form available in the Counseling Office. All students who fill out the form will participate in meetings. Students can begin to participate immediately.

COMMITMENT FORM

Rotary Club of Blaine and Ham Lake

Spring Lake Park High School

**Senior Strive Scholarship
Commitment Form**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____

I, _____, am committed to doing my best during my senior year.

I must attend a minimum of 80% of the Strive meetings. The scholarships will be awarded to the three seniors whose grade point average improves the most during the 2005-2006 school year.

Signed _____

Date _____

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Blaine High School

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