

DOES STRIVE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

YES! Here is a quote from a past STRIVE student: "I would like to thank the Rotary Club and everyone else who made the STRIVE program possible. This has helped me get my life back on the right track. I just wanted you to know that people like yourselves have inspired me to become a successful person. I no longer say that "I want to become..." or "I want to go..."; I say "I will become..." and "I will go..." For the first time in years I believe in myself and I believe that I can do anything that I set my mind to. Thank you for spending your time and your money believing in kids like me."

Top Prize: \$750 toward tuition or books

2nd Prize: \$500 toward tuition or books

3rd Prize: \$300 toward tuition or books
Checks are sent to the college once registered.

Attendance Prize: \$100 for having 100% meeting attendance

STRIVE

- ◆ For Improvement
- ◆ For Higher Education
- ◆ For New Friendships
- ◆ For Cash

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WHAT IS STRIVE?

STRIVE is a program for high school seniors who have faced some academic challenges but want to make the most of their last year of high school.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Students who choose to participate in STRIVE are matched with an adult mentor from one of the Rochester Rotary Clubs or community. Mentors are not tutors, but are there to offer support, encouragement and assistance. Students and mentors meet once a month for about 50 minutes during the school day and talk about how school is going and what their plans are for the future. Meetings also include presentations on topics relevant to life after high school - college, careers, finances, etc. The goal is for students to improve their grades and scholarships are awarded to those who show the most improvement in their GPA during the first three quarters.

There are three scholarship levels with a top prize of \$500 awarded at each high school. At the end of the year we'll celebrate the completion of the program with an awards celebration for STRIVE students, their families and mentors.

EXPECTATIONS OF STRIVE STUDENTS

- ◆ Attend monthly meetings.
- ◆ Notify your counselor and your mentor if you cannot make a monthly meeting. *(Students who miss more than two monthly meetings or have more than one unexcused absence are no longer eligible for scholarships.)*
- ◆ Talk with your mentor as to the amount of communication/contact you would like to have in addition to the monthly meetings.
- ◆ Scholarship winners must claim their funds within one school year.

EXPECTATIONS OF STRIVE MENTORS

- ◆ Attend monthly meetings.
- ◆ Notify coordinator and your mentee if you cannot make a monthly meeting.
- ◆ Talk with mentee as to amount of communication/contact he/she would like, in addition to the monthly meetings.



WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

- ◆ Students who improve their grade point average have an opportunity to **earn scholarships** to the post-secondary institution of their choice!
- ◆ Self-Improvement!
- ◆ Establish new relationships!

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Contact your High School Guidance Counselor or Rochester Rotary at 252-0085 or email us at romnrotary@gmail.com

