



Auburn Gold Country Rotary Club
Alan Young Bootstrap
Award

January 22, 2018

Dear Senior Class Counselor,

The Gold Country Rotary Club of Auburn California is a local chapter of Rotary International. We are a service club dedicated to serving the needs of our community as well as reaching out to other parts of the country and world. Each year we offer awards to graduating high school seniors to help them reach their academic or vocational goals. We have been very fortunate to be able to offer several thousand dollars each year to our young adults, which hopefully have enriched their lives in some small way.

Once again this year we are able to award our "Alan Young Bootstrap Award". We intend to recognize a graduating senior who has been able to accomplish their goals and dreams in spite of adversity. This award will recognize a high school student who has made a dramatic positive change in their attitude and performance at some time during their high school years, and are now graduating from high school. These "at risk" students have often overcome great physical, emotional and/or social obstacles, yet few of them are recognized for their successes.

We would add that our intent of this award is to show that hard work and perseverance really do pay. Our hope is that offering this award would encourage students to overcome their hardships and challenges and send the message that hard work and positive attitudes are the keys to success.

We want to recognize a student who has succeeded despite the challenges in their lives. Academic standing does not necessarily factor in the selection or whether the student has been accepted to a college or trade school. Rather, it serves as a testimonial to a young person who has hung in there, turned their life around, and is now graduating from high school.

Our club is offering scholarships to deserving students. These awards are available to students from Placer, Colfax, Foresthill, Pine Hills Academy, and Confluence High Schools. **Deadline for award nomination is March 15, 2018.**

If you know of a high school senior who meets the qualifications for our Alan Young Bootstrap Award, please send me letter of Recommendation identifying the student and describe why you feel they deserve this award. This is not an award where students are expected to apply themselves. You, as the Senior Class Counselor or teacher, are the most logical person to make such a recommendation. Because our goal is to help the student continue to meet their goals and make their dreams come true we will also need a short essay from the student describing their future goals and how such a financial award would be directed in attaining these goals.

Please send your letter and the student's essay no later than March 15, 2018.

Thank you for your help,

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<p>Submit Letter/applications to: Scholarship Chair Auburn Gold Country Rotary P.O. Box 4959 Auburn, California 95604-4959</p>
