How to Apply

Your application has three parts:

1. A resume or biographical sketch
2. A one-page personal statement of interest in and commitment to community service activities
3. A letter of nomination from a UofL College of Business professor AND/OR one from your current employer. (A letter from your employer is desirable because it indicates your company supports community service participation and recognizes your commitment to the Rotary Leadership Fellows Program.)

Before applying, you are encouraged to discuss your plans with the UofL College of Business Rotary Leadership coordinator, Vernon Foster at (502) 852-2855 for details.

Application requirements and deadlines

Application deadline is Friday March 8, 2013. A reception to introduce candidates to Rotary representatives and to discuss the program’s features and benefits will be held on the Monday after spring break, March 18, 2013. Selection interviews will be held on Friday March 22, 2013. Participation in the reception is highly recommended. The selection interview is mandatory to be considered for the award.

Founded in 1912, the Rotary Club of Louisville, the “Downtown Rotary,” is the 45th oldest in the world. With nearly 500 members, it is also one of the largest clubs in Rotary International (www.rotary.org). There are more than 3,000 clubs and more than 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide, all endorsing the credo of “Service Above Self.”

The Rotary Leadership Fellows Program originated in 1996 as the Landrum Prize for Leadership. In 2001, the Rotary Club of Louisville saw an opportunity to exercise its mission of service and to expand the experiences and accelerate the development of the award recipients. In partnership with the Landrum family, the Club created this unique leadership development program.

The Rotary Club of Louisville (www.louisvillerotary.org) is devoted to community-wide philanthropy. Over the past several years it has provided over $80,000 annually to numerous organizations. Its committee services targeted needs including education, youth, the environment, and local and international humanitarian efforts.
The Goal
The goal of the program is to identify, inspire and connect the next generation of community service leaders. Recipients of the awards enjoy great opportunities to expand and accelerate their involvement in leadership activities that benefit the community as a whole.

The Program
The Rotary Leadership Fellows program is a unique partnership between the Rotary Club of Louisville and the University of Louisville College of Business, built on the Landrum family legacy. Recipients enter a three-year community service leadership development program that includes honorary membership in the Downtown Rotary Club. They enjoy extraordinary access to past, current and future community leaders and experience multiple opportunities to take their community service interests to a higher level.

Who Should Apply?
The best candidates are those who want to expand their goals in community service activities, those who currently are, or hope to be, engaged in civic charitable or social causes and have career paths that permit Metro Louisville residency for the foreseeable future.

Eligibility
Recipients are selected each April. UofL MBA students who graduated the previous year or will graduate within the selection year are eligible.

Selection Criteria
All nominees who meet the eligibility requirements meet with Rotary Club representatives to discuss their interest in the program. The selection committee focuses on the following areas:
• Integrity
• Creativity
• Personal and professional accomplishments
• Communication skills
• Prior examples of leadership
• Sense of community

Benefits
The scholarship program benefits are professional, intellectual and financial. Each recipient is matched with a Rotary Club mentor, a seasoned executive in a field identified by the recipient. A different mentor can be selected for each year of the program. These relationships often continue far beyond the term of the program. With each Rotary meeting or activity, Leadership Fellows network with elite leadership in virtually every area of business and public service. They expand their access to resources and connections critical to their growth and success, and are encouraged to share their skills and energy in the Rotary commitment of “Service Above Self.”

Each recipient also receives a $5000 cash prize. This award is paid in two halves. One at the beginning and one at the end of the three-year program.

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Fellows Agree To
• Complete their graduate degree at the UoFL College of Business
• Participate as an honorary Rotarian for three years beginning July 1 following selection
• Attend weekly Rotary lunch meetings, a minimum of one per month
• Plan and attend bi-monthly meetings of fellows and mentors, during which prominent leaders focus on issues facing this community as well as their own personal journey of leadership
• Actively participate in one or more of many Rotary sponsored service initiatives
• Prepare a written report on their progress each year
• Present an overview at their completion of the program by June 30 of the third year, assessing their development
• Consider, and are highly encouraged to, becoming a member of the Rotary Club of Louisville.

Past recipients include (left to right) Viji Sundar, Dr. Gary Degen, Mark Rorer, Emily Hart, Whitney Austin, Heather Fetner, Chris Teeley, Barbara Lankford, Katherine Hoy and Dave Anstey