



Hugh H. van Swearingen **Journalism Scholarship Application** **\$2,000**

A student or member of the public interested in applying for this scholarship must be a **Broadwater High School senior, or a Broadwater County native or current resident.**

Hugh van Swearingen was a long-time member of the Townsend Rotary Club and a Montana native. This scholarship honors Hugh's dedication and life-long career in newspaper journalism and his passion for community service. The Townsend Rotary Club is proud to offer scholarships highlighting our past outstanding members whose life provided some of the finest examples of "Service Above Self". In addition, Rotary also supports the future leaders from this community as they make an important step forward in life by furthering their education.

This Scholarship will be presented to an individual who **best exemplifies**, by his/her conduct and service in their community, the highest ideals of Rotary and more specifically, displays a **personal desire** to pursue further education in **writing skills for journalism fields** such as writing for a rural weekly newspaper, television/radio/media broadcasting, or for a mixed media career. Experience in the field of journalism or grant writing will enhance the resume, as will good grades for high school or college student applicants.

The **most important qualities for the applicant**, in memorializing Hugh's life, are a love of writing and interest in people along with the innate ability to listen well and share a curiosity about what is happening in the world.

Hugh was born in Butte Montana and got his first job as a news reporter in 1962 at the *Lewistown Daily News*. He joined the *Montana Standard* in Butte in 1964 and moved on to the *Missoulian* in Missoula as state editor in 1967. In 1968, he began what was to become his career as a reporter, editor and manager with the Associated Press (AP). His AP service included six years as newsman and later news editor in Helena, two years as correspondent and statehouse reporter in Bismarck, North Dakota, nine years as bureau chief in Helena and seven years as bureau chief in Portland Oregon. He retired in 1992 but rarely stayed idle. Hugh served eight years on the Board of Trustees of Broadwater Health Center (clinic and nursing home) and later served on the board of the Hospital District. He was also an active 28 year member of Rotary and contributed to service projects whenever and however he could.

Each applicant will be required to provide a maximum two-page typed narrative including a list of their service activities over the last three years. The applicants will be required to attend an individual in-person interview, or an on-line interview, conducted by members of the Rotary selection committee.

For the maximum two-page typed narrative: Please state your reasons for applying and give two or three specific narrative examples of how you have served your community; school, school organizations, faculty, 4-H / FFA, church, civic organizations or projects, employers, older/special needs individuals, athletics, RYLA, Interact, Veterans, Emergency Services, etc. The selection committee wants to know about your activities that go beyond the normal requirements of organizational membership. We are very interested in service where you have shown your own initiative. Also, include a detailed list of all your service activities, any leadership positions you may have held and the length of time (hours, days, or years) you participated in that activity. We look forward to reading your application, meeting you and hearing your story. Best wishes in your endeavor.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Non-school email: _____

This application cover, personal narrative and detailed service list must be turned in by **April 9, 2025 to HS Counselor, Mr. Mike Schnittgen at the High School or Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Melissa Franks at the County.**

If you are NOT a High School student, please mail your completed application cover, personal narrative and detailed service list by **April 9, 2025 to:**

**Rotary Scholarship c/o Jen Dalrymple
PO Box 1192
Townsend, MT 59644**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jen at dymples43@gmail.com or call/text 406-949-3660