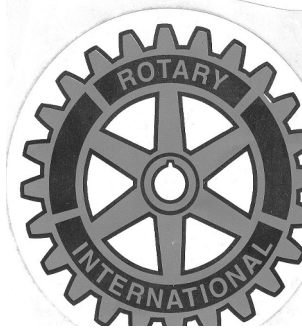


**THE ROTARY CLUB OF CAPITOLA/APTOS, CALIFORNIA INFORMATION  
AND APPLICATION FORM FOR THE ANNUAL HENRY JAMES & VERA PIATT  
GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP AWARD**



**About the  
Rotary Club of  
Capitola/Aptos**

Chartered in 1965 as the Rotary Club of Soquel, it was created to serve mid-county Santa Cruz with the only other two Rotary Clubs being located in the cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville. In the 1970's the name was changed to the Rotary Club of Mid-County Santa Cruz, but as additional clubs were formed in the County it became the Rotary Club of Capitola/Aptos and is now just one of seven Rotary Clubs located within the County of Santa Cruz. As an affiliate of Rotary International, the club follows the official motto of "Service Above Self" supporting service projects worldwide, nationally and within our own community. Although a wide variety of local non-profit organizations are invited to apply for community service awards, a tradition of supporting our youth has been a strong emphasis over the years. Among such support has consistently been a variety of scholarship awards, culminating with the *Piatt Fellowship* which is now available to university graduate students seeking a doctorate in the Natural Sciences. Limited to local high school graduates, the pursued studies must also be done within the University of California system where the student must remain in good standing during the course work. The award may be applied to tuition, educational supplies or living expenses while in effect.



**About Henry & Vera Piatt**

Henry and Vera were children of Mid-America. Vera was born in Iowa in 1907 and Henry, a bit earlier, in Missouri. In the late 1920's Henry was traveling the world with the U.S. Navy when he was stricken with Tuberculosis and hospitalized for treatment in a Colorado military facility. Vera was a nurse in that hospital. They fell in love, Vera resigned her commission and after Henry's recovery began their lifelong marriage, which brought them to Sacramento. Henry's business relationships led him to his first Rotary Club where he thrived in the "Service Above Self" philosophy. After relocating to Aptos, he became a member of The Rotary Club of Soquel (now The Rotary Club of Capitola/Aptos) in 1965, and remained a member until his death in 1984. His personable soft-spoken manner combined with vision and common sense made him a popular Rotarian and accounted for his long service as Club Secretary where he guided many Club Presidents during the 70's and 80's. Henry's vision of a Club Foundation to extend its capabilities to serve the community came to fruition, and in 1986 Vera established the Piatt Trust, which culminated in the Graduate Fellowship as it exists today. Vera passed on in 2007. When asked why a graduate fellowship? Henry replied "I want to fund our community's best and brightest!"

# PIATT FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION / STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

## ROTARY CLUB OF CAPITOLA / APTOS FELLOWSHIP YEAR 2021-2022

The following information is for the use of the Piatt Fellowship Selection Committee members who are charged with the evaluation of each of the candidates. This information is considered confidential and will only be used to assist in the nomination process. All student applicants must complete this form and are encouraged to add in, particularly with the section *Applicant Statement*. Please inform the Committee as to why you are applying for the award, what motivates you to pursue your field of research and relate any life experiences that you wish to share. Please note that financial need or philanthropic criteria will not be a factor in the selection process. Recipient is required to accept the award at a Rotary meeting and maintain contact with the Rotary Club, giving periodic progress reports.

**IMPORTANT** All applicants must meet the following prerequisites:

- Graduation from a public High School within the boundaries of the County of Santa Cruz, California.
- Possess an earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
- Be enrolled as a full-time student candidate for a post-baccalaureate degree in one of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics) programs at a University of California campus.
- Be a United States Citizen.

### **STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Department \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. citizen? \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Apt City State Zip

Campus Home Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Department Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

UCSC Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Email : \_\_\_\_\_

### **SCHOLASTIC HISTORY**

**High School** \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name / Address Dates Attended GPA

**Undergraduate Studies** \_\_\_\_\_  
University / College Address

Number of Years / Semester / Quarters Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Field(s) of Study \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Baccalaureate Degree Earned \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate Studies** \_\_\_\_\_  
University / College Address

Number of Years / Semesters / Quarters Completed \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Completion Time Remaining \_\_\_\_\_

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Field(s) of Study

Degrees Beyond Baccalaureate Earned

**Distinctions Received**

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Scholarships, Fellowships or other Monetary Awards

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Academic Awards

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Other Distinctions

**Research Field(s)**

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Major Interests

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Current Research Project

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Publications / Papers / Posters

**Educational and Career Objective**

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**Work Experience**

**Industry**

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**Business**

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**Teaching**

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**Other**

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**Applicant Statement** (Feel free to add additional pages as needed to express your reasons and desires to be a recipient of the Piatt Fellowship Award)

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