



Welcome

Thank you for applying to Rotaract Club of Springfield! The following application is an opportunity for you to learn more about our Club and gain a better understanding of what we are all about. Once completed, the application can be submitted to our Club President, and it will be voted on by our Board of Directors at our next meeting. Information about the Board can be found at our website <https://www.springfieldrotaract.org>.

About Rotary & Rotaract Club of Springfield

Rotaract is a Rotary sponsored club for young professionals ages 18-30 that meets to exchange ideas, plan and execute community activities, and build life-long relationships and connections. Rotaract takes its name from the combination of the words “Rotary” and “action”. The club fosters leadership and responsible citizenship, encourages high ethical standards in business, and promotes service in the community. By being a part of the Rotary community, we use a four way test as a moral code for personal and business relationships:

Is it the truth? | Is it fair to all concerned? |

Will it build goodwill and better friendships? | Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

We are sponsored by a local Rotary Club (Southeast Rotary) making them true ‘partners in service’ and key members of the Rotary family. To learn more about Rotary International, please visit their [website](#).

Member Requirements

To be a member and remain in good standing in the Club, we ask that members fulfill the following requirements each year:

Annual Dues	\$375 – Includes all meals and entry into various club-sponsored events, and should be paid upon invoicing. Arrangements can be made for monthly or quarterly payments if unable to pay the balance in full. If joining the club in the middle of the fiscal year (July – June), dues will be prorated.
Attendance	Members are responsible for attending a minimum of 60% of meetings and club functions.
Community Service	Members are required to attend one Great Circle event and one other community service event throughout the year. Small donations of time and / or money will be requested for other functions throughout the year.
Guests	Members are asked to bring at least two guests throughout the year.
Committees	Each member is required to serve on a committee. Participation on a committee includes attendance of all planning meetings and assistance in achieving committee goals and objectives.

Failure to meet attendance and community service requirements will result in a fine of \$25 per category at the end of the year. Attendance can be made up in two ways:

1:1 Opportunities: Attend a Rotary Club meeting, a Rotaract Board meeting, or Double Dare / Rock N’ Ribs Committee meeting.

2:1 Opportunities: Attend two Rotaract Socials, Rotaract sponsored athletic events, or new member orientation meetings.



Time Commitments and Involvement

Community Service

Part of our mission is to give back to our community. Every year, we partner with our charity of choice, Great Circle. This organization provides services for children between the ages of newborn to 18 to provide hope to those in difficult situations. Special events during which we partner with [Great Circle](#) include our annual Halloween party and summer BBQ.

We also provide various opportunities to serve other non-profit and civic organizations throughout the year. These include Ozarks Food Harvest, Convoy of Hope, and Harmony House.

Committees

We host two signature events throughout the year. As a new member, you will be selected to serve on one of these two committees.

Double Dare

In the Fall, our organization puts on our annual Double Dare event. Like the popular show from the 90s, we gather together with Rotarians and the general public for trivia and “minute-to-win-it” type games. Money raised goes towards our annual donation to Great Circle.

Rock N’ Ribs

To support seven various non-profits in the Springfield area, we partner with the five other local Rotary clubs to host the annual Rock N’ Ribs event in the Spring. Located at the Fair Grounds, we smoke and cook delicious meat and participate in a couple of contests to raise money through ticket and vendor sales.

Athletics

Members have the option to participate in two main athletic leagues – sand volleyball and basketball.

Each year, the Rotary Clubs compete in the annual All-Rotary Basketball Tournament. Proceeds for this tournament go towards the Special Olympics.

Socials

Each month, members gather for various social events. Examples include outdoor games at Mother’s Brewing Company, Springfield Cardinals Games, and our End of Year Party. Please note that a majority of our socials do include beer, requiring members participating to be 21 and older.

Professional and Leadership Development

During our bi-weekly meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month (except for November and December when we meet only on the second Wednesday), we provide opportunities to hear from local leaders in the Springfield community. This gives our members the chance to get connected and find areas in which they’d like to get involved.

Members can also sign up to serve as a board member or committee chair each year.



Application

To apply, please complete the following questions:

Name:

Date of Birth:

Employer:

Position:

Preferred Email Address:

Preferred Phone Number:

Preferred Mailing Address:

Applicants are asked to attend at least one meeting prior to application approval. Which meeting did you attend and who were you a guest of? _____

Please tell us a little bit about yourself, why you are wanting to join the club, and how you plan or hope to get involved (five sentences maximum)

To give back to our community, Rock N' Ribs and Double Dare are two major events that we host and participant in. Referring to the descriptions above, which committee would you prefer to serve on? (Please note, you may not be assigned to your choice immediately)

- Double Dare (Fall)
- Rock N' Ribs (Spring)
- No Preference

Which of the following involvement activities interests you? (Check all that apply)

- Athletics
- Leadership Development
- Community Service
- Professional Development
- Socials

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read through and agree to the Rotaract Requirements explained above. I understand and accept the principles of Rotaract as expressed in its purpose and objectives and agree to comply with and be bound by the "Standard Rotaract Club Constitution", "Rotaract Statement of Policy", and by-laws of the club. Further, I acknowledge that memberships belong to the applicant and dues are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

Signature _____ Date _____