

The Plainview Rotary Club Endowed Scholarship

The Rotary Endowed Scholarship had its inception as a club project in the 1930s. It was originally designed by Lester W. James, Sr. and Judge Frank R. Day to purchase glasses and provide shots for needy school age children. After World War II, the project became a student loan fund. However, with the advent of numerous governmental loan programs, it became a scholarship fund for students attending Wayland Baptist University. Lester W. James, Sr., a member of the Wayland Board of Trustees and Roy C. McClung, President of Wayland Baptist University, were instrumental in converting the fund from one which provided loans, to one which provided scholarships. Under the leadership of Rotarian Lester W. “Bobby” James, Jr., a significant to the fund, the Rotary Endowed Scholarship has increased to more than \$100,000.