



ROTARY FOUNDATION OF KELSO

Merit Scholarship Award

Application Packet

Application Requirements: Applications should be orderly and concise. Elaborate presentation is not necessary however careless presentation will definitely handicap the applicant. Bound or stapled applications, including exhibits, letters and entry form, must be confined to 15 pages, one side only. Exhibits evidencing notable achievements in scholarship, leadership, athletics, dramatics, literature and community service may be attached (Note: Include reproductions of exhibits instead of originals. Rotary Foundation of Kelso Scholarship Committee retains applications and exhibits.)

Applications must be submitted to your school's counseling office on or before May 6th of the current year. All applications will be collected from the counseling office and evaluated by the Rotary Foundation of Kelso Scholarship Committee, according to the conditions set forth in this material.

Eligibility: Graduating seniors from Kelso and Castle Rock High Schools planning full-time attendance at an accredited college or university may apply. Two-year vocational or technical programs use a different form, please see your school counselor for that application.

The Award: The Rotary Foundation of Kelso Merit Scholarship Award is a grant of \$250 to a maximum of \$2,500 to be applied to tuition, room and board costs and fees incurred as part of your college education. All scholarships are in the form of certificates of award, conditioned upon the enrollment of the student in an accredited college or university. All awards must be used during the year following their award. Exceptions may be arranged through the scholarship committee.

Exhibits: Candidates applying for the Rotary Foundation of Kelso Scholarship must submit the following (you will be ineligible for consideration if one or more of these items are missing):

1. A statement of not more than 300 words prepared by the applicant. It should summarize school and out-of-school activities and accomplishments, the applicant's goals and objectives for higher education, a brief statement of financial need and the reasons they believe they are qualified for the scholarship award.
2. A certified education history (transcript) of the applicant from ninth grade to present.
3. Comprehensive letters of recommendation stating character, personality and academic achievement from: Not more than one person in authority at the high school; and a community leader not related to the applicant who has had an opportunity to personally observe his/her character, industry and purposefulness. Note: Each letter of recommendation and endorsement should be confined to one page.
4. The attached merit scholarship application cover sheet must be answered completely and included in the applicant's final presentation. All exhibits must be included in a bound or stapled application.

Selection Criteria: Awards will be based on the following standards. The quality of the application will be considered.

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| 1. Academic Achievement: | 50 points |
| 2. Financial Need: | 20 points |
| 3. Leadership Potential | 15 points |
| 4. School and Community Involvement | 15 points |
| 5. Total | 100 points |

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Merit Scholarship Application

1. Applicant's Name: _____

2. Permanent Address (include city): _____

3. Telephone: _____ 4. Birthdate: _____

5. Email Address: _____

6. Parents/Guardians:

Father: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother: _____ Occupation: _____

7. Sister(s) (give age): _____

8. Brother(s) (give age): _____

9. Name of College(s) or university(ies) to which you have applied for or been accepted for enrollment next year: _____

10. Career or major area of study for which you plan to prepare: _____

Date

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

For Counselor: Grade Point Average: _____

Class Rank: _____ of _____

PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE INFORMATION ON THE SECOND PAGE

Honors and Awards (state year and nature of honor or award) Attach exhibits as necessary

Scholastic: _____

Extra- Curricular (school related): _____

Civic (non-school related): _____

Offices and positions of Leadership (state name of organization, position, and year):

Scholastic: _____

Extra-Curricular (school related): _____

Civic (non-school related): _____

Participation in school, extra-curricular and civic activities (where no office was held) indicating organization and year (state only major activities).

Scholastic: _____

Extra-Curricular (school related): _____

Civic (non-school related): _____

Please attach a brief statement (not more than one page) discussing how you and your family, if applicable, plan to meet your educational financial requirements.

ADDITIONAL PAGES MAY BE ATTACHED