



SILVIES VALLEY RANCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Application Packet for 2017

Enclosed is the scholarship application from Silvies Valley Ranch. The Silvies Valley Ranch scholarship fund was established to help students in Grant and Harney counties who's goals are to further their education by removing some of the financial barriers to that education. The Silvies Valley Ranch Educational Scholarship encourages continuing education beyond the high school level in all fields of study that will broaden the recipient's abilities to improve their communities by concentrating on science, agriculture, wildlife, livestock and related ranching subjects. All scholarships are awarded on an objective and nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, age, religion, sexual orientation, or sex. Scholarships are awarded for one academic year only. Scholarship recipients may apply for a new scholarship each academic year, but may not receive scholarships for more than a total of four academic years. Scholarship grants for the current academic year will be awarded on or before **June 15th** of **this** year.

Completed applications, including transcripts, test scores and letters of recommendation, must be sent to the Scholarship Committee postmarked on before the **first day of April to be considered for a current scholarship grant for this academic year.**

To be considered for a scholarship, you must:

- Be a resident of Grant or Harney County (as a permanent address).
- Be a graduate or about to graduate from high school or its equivalent and be enrolled, or be admitted to and about to enroll, as an undergraduate in an accredited college, junior college, university, trade or business school.
- Have attained a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent)
- Demonstrate sufficient academic ability to complete the courses of study necessary to graduate from the educational institution at which you are enrolled or about to enroll.
- Demonstrate the character and motivation to complete your education.
- Exhibit a desire to improve your community and environment by concentrating on science, agriculture, wildlife, livestock and other ranching-related studies in some way.
- Demonstrate that you have an ongoing interest in science, agriculture, wildlife and livestock that relate to ranching in some way (examples: 4-H, Future Farmers of America, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other youth-centered group projects that focus on science, agriculture, wildlife and livestock management), or other examples of your dedication to your community and environment through leisure, work or academic interests.
- Submit a completed application and 250 word (or less) essay along with any additional documents required by the Silvies Valley Ranch Scholarship Committee. All documents must be received at the Silvies Valley Ranch Portland business office by the due date specified above.

Best regards,

Silvies Valley Ranch Scholarship Committee

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS SEEKING A SILVIES VALLEY RANCH SCHOLARSHIP

(Previous Applicants/Recipients: Please review these instructions and then review, on page 3, the special instructions for previous applicants/recipients.)

Please be advised that everything counts on your application: neatness, legibility, spelling and grammar; following instructions and providing the information requested is important. TYPE OR BLOCK PRINT your answers, except for the essay portion of the application, which must be either typed or machine-printed, and may not be handwritten.

Please carefully read the following instructions:

- A. When you sign the application you are attesting to the completeness and accuracy of all information furnished in connection with your application. Applications which are not signed will not be considered.
- B. If the space provided in the application is not sufficient to fully answer any section, one or more additional pages may be attached to the application to complete your response. Please reference the section number for which additional information is being provided on the supplemental page.
- C. Official transcript(s) from your high school(s) or college(s) are required to be submitted to us. YOU must request that your transcript be sent to us. We suggest that you make this request as soon as possible in order that your transcript(s) arrive to meet reporting deadlines. *Previous applicants/recipients, please review on page 3.*
- D. You must arrange for TWO individuals who are not related to you but are familiar with your achievements, abilities and character, to each provide a letter of recommendation for you that will be submitted with this application. Recommendation letters should be sealed in an envelope with the signature of the author written across the flap edge (a reference letter form that you can use at your option is included as the last page of this application). *Previous applicants/recipients, please review on page 3.*
- E. In fairness to all applicants, we must ask that you adhere to the deadlines given to you. Our letter notifying you that you have been granted a scholarship requires a response from you. In the event we do not receive a response by the deadline specified, we will assume your plans have changed and that you no longer need a scholarship, and the scholarship we had planned to award to you will be passed on to another qualified candidate. Should your address change after you have given it to us, it is your responsibility to send us your new address.
- F. If you want to be assured that we have received your application or any other correspondence, we recommend you send it Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested.
- G. If a copy of your SAT, ACT, or other standardized test score is required, a photocopy of that test result is acceptable. *Previous applicants/recipients, please review on page 3.*
- H. The application form is designed to accommodate applications for different types of scholarships, as well as to accommodate applications from prospective freshman through third year college students. Some sections may request information which does not apply to you. If a section does not apply to you, please write "Not Applicable" – do not leave any space blank. In addition, some sections may request information which you do not yet know. For instance, most freshmen do not yet know their school address, as requested in Section 4. If you do not know the information for a specific section of the application, please write "Not Known" – do not leave any space blank.
- I. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** All application materials you may have submitted in previous years, regardless of whether a scholarship was awarded or not, have been destroyed for security and privacy reasons. As such, all required application information, transcripts, etc. for this academic year must be provided to us anew – do not refer to “see previous information/documentation provided,” as that information is not available to us.

Special Instructions for Previous Applicants/Recipients:

- A. We only require your current official college transcript. You do not need to send your high school transcripts.
- B. Only one letter of recommendation is required, however, the letter must be written by a current teacher or advisor (please, no letters from family members or direct family relatives.) As before, your letter should be from someone who is familiar with your achievements, abilities and character. The letter should be sealed in an envelope with the signature of the author written across the flap edge (a reference letter form that you can use at your option is included on the last page of this application). Note that previous letters of recommendation submitted with your past years' application packets do not apply – you will need to submit one new/current letter of recommendation with this year's application.
- C. For previous recipients only, high school community activities DO NOT need to be re-listed. **However, it is important that you list recent, current activities that are related to your current college or community involvement.**
- D. The essay should focus on explaining your goals and how your current educational experiences to date have shaped how you will use your education to improve your community in the future.
- E. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** All application materials you may have submitted in previous years, regardless of whether a scholarship was awarded or not, have been destroyed for security and privacy reasons. As such, all required application information, transcripts, etc. for this academic year must be provided to us anew – do not refer to “see previous information/documentation provided,” as that information is not available to us.

Send your application and transcripts to:

Silvies Valley Ranch Scholarship Committee
Attn. Sandra Campbell, Chair
7610 SE 162nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97236

Remember, the completed application – together with all requested transcripts, test scores and letters of recommendation – must be postmarked by the 1st day of April of the current school year to be considered for this funding cycle.

- **SILVIES VALLEY RANCH SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED FROM YEAR TO YEAR.** You must re-apply annually.

If you have any questions after reading the cover letter, these instructions and the application form, you may call Sandra Campbell or Kathleen Cantrell Price at 503-762-1063 in the Silvies Valley Ranch business office.

Thank you and good luck!

I have applied for other scholarship grants, loans or other forms of anticipated financial assistance [if not yet granted, mark (P) for pending and notify us when you have received a response] with the understanding that a Silvies Valley Ranch Educational Scholarship is not meant to cover my entire scholastic expenses:

- (1) _____ \$ _____
- (2) _____ \$ _____
- (3) _____ \$ _____

Total Other Assistance: \$ _____

THE SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT I AM REQUESTING FROM SILVIES VALLEY RANCH FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR IS: \$ _____ (up to a maximum of \$1,000.00)

SECTION #4: Community Activities & Involvement

**** (Previous recipients need only to fill in their recent or current college or community activity.)**

List high school and community activities in which you have participated, stating your position or office attained, if any:

High School or Community Activity	Position or Office Attained
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List all extracurricular projects and activities you participate in that have a concentration in science, agriculture, wildlife and livestock, or that relate to ranching in some way [examples: 4-H, Future Farmers of America, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and other youth-centered group projects]. Include work, educational or leisure related interactions. Note whether these activities were community, school or organizational related:

Ranching, Agricultural or Science Related Activities (Volunteer/Employment)

Community, School, Organization, Employer

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

****For previous Silvies Valley Ranch Educational Scholarship recipients: list college and community activities in which you have participated, stating your position or office attained, if any:**

College or Community Activity	Position or Office Attained
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

On a separate piece of paper, please provide a brief (250 word maximum) essay describing your desire to impact or improve your community through your education in science, agriculture, wildlife, livestock and ranching-related subjects. *Previous applicants/recipients, please review your essay instructions on page 3.*

ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT AN ESSAY.

**NOTE: ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED OR MACHINE-PRINTED;
THEY MAY NOT BE HANDWRITTEN.**

SECTION 5: Employment History

From	To	Present Employer	Hrs. per wk.
City		State	Job Title
From	To	Previous Employer	Hrs. per wk.
City		State	Job Title
From	To	Previous Employer	Hrs. per wk.
City		State	Job Title

SECTION #6: Affidavit

I affirm that all information provided pertaining to this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby authorize Silvies Valley Ranch to investigate in any manner which it, in its discretion, deems necessary to determine the accuracy of the statements made in this application. I understand that if I accept a Silvies Valley Ranch Educational Scholarship that I must be a registered student in good standing, and by failing to complete the academic year at the educational institution of my choice except for reasons of illness, injury, or national disaster, I will be obligated to return any scholarship granted to me by Silvies Valley Ranch.

Yes No I allow Silvies Valley Ranch to use my quotes related to the scholarship program for use in publications.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian
[Required if applicant is under 18 and not emancipated]

This application and all requested enclosures and transcripts must be mailed to:

Silvies Valley Ranch Scholarship Committee
Attn. Sandra Campbell, Chair
7610 SE 162nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97236

****Postmarked on or before the 1st day of April of the current year****

Final Checklist; Have you:

- Fully completed the Application?
- Signed the Application?
- Requested that a copy of your transcripts be sent to the Scholarship Committee?
- Enclosed a copy of your SAT or ACT scores? *(For new applicants only.)*
- Enclosed your essay?
- Enclosed two *(one, if previous recipient)* sealed letters of recommendation from individuals not related to you?

**SILVIES VALLEY RANCH EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
REFERENCE AND RECOMMENDATION LETTER REQUEST**

I _____ request that _____
(Name of student) (Name of referee)

write a reference or respond to a reference check on my behalf. I understand that in order to write the reference or provide a verbal reference, _____ will need to comment on

(Name of referee)

grades and personal characteristics related to my academic, extracurricular, and/or employment performance history.

Student Signature: _____

SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what capacity have you known applicant? _____

In your experience with the applicant, describe how they have shown exceptional interest and enthusiasm for educational projects concentrating on science, agriculture, wildlife and livestock. Please describe, support and help define the applicant's goals and future vision. Please include any examples that may relate specifically to ranching and/or improving their community in some way. The back side of this page may be utilized if additional space is needed.

Please mark the appropriate boxes

Skills and Abilities	Below Average	Average	Notable	Exceptional	N/A
Level of contribution/dedication to science, agriculture, wildlife, livestock and community					
Quality of oral communication					
Capacity for sustained academic work					
Potential for becoming a successful professional					
Attitude toward learning and academics					
Concern for self-improvement					
Long term goals and career planning					

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Use this space to include any additional comments that may help in determining the applicant's qualifications. _____

Signature of Referee: _____ Date: _____