



SILVIES VALLEY RANCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Application Packet for 2012

Enclosed is the scholarship application you requested 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 1st 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 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

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 arrive to meet reporting deadlines.
- 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 is included as the last page of this application). If you are a previous recipient of a Silvies Valley Ranch scholarship and are continuing your education, these letters of recommendation should be from someone who knows of your continued work and dedication to the areas listed in this application.
- 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 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.
- 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 this 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 this space blank.

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 541-602-2612 in the Silvies Valley Ranch business office.

Thank you and good luck!

SILVIES VALLEY RANCH EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

SECTION #1: Personal Information

Name _____
First Middle Last
Nickname or first name I prefer to use: _____
Social Security Number: _____
Permanent Address: _____
Street/P.O. Box City State Zip
I am a resident of _____ County
Home Ph#: _____ Cell Ph#: _____
Email Address: _____

I am/am not [circle one] a previous Silvies Valley Ranch scholarship recipient.

SECTION #2: High School Information

High School: _____ Year Graduated: _____
Name City & State
On _____ (date), I requested that my official high school transcript be sent to you.

SECTION #3: University/Community College/Trade or Business School Information

I am applying for a scholarship for the academic year beginning on or about _____, 20____ .
During the academic year listed above, I will be a:
_____ Freshman
_____ Sophomore
_____ Junior
_____ Senior
_____ Other (describe) _____
My declared major or chosen course of study: _____

Please provide the name and address of the educational institution at which you will use the scholarship, if awarded:

Institution Name	Address	City	State	Zip
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Are you enrolled there? Yes No Accepted? Yes No

List here the total anticipated amount needed for tuition and fees for the current academic year at the institution you are applying to: \$_____.

I understand that I must remain a registered student, in good standing, to receive a Silvies Valley Ranch Educational Scholarship during my academic studies.

Test Scores: ACT: _____ and/or SAT: _____ [Enclose a copy of your test results with your application; photocopy is acceptable]

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

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.

**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.

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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.

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?
- Enclosed your essay?
- Enclosed two 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 include any examples that may relate specifically to ranching and or improving their community in some way.

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: _____