

APPLICATION FOR

Renton Lions Club

Scholarship



Renton Lions Scholarship

The Renton Lions Scholarship was established to award a student each year that has shown an interest and devotion to service in his or her community. This scholarship honors the effort of a student that exemplifies the motto of all Lions Clubs, *We Serve*.

The scholarship is open to full time high school students who are 16 years of age or older, currently enrolled as a **senior** in a high school in the Renton, WA School District (ie.— Renton High School, Hazen High School, Lindbergh High School, Sartori High School or Black River High School), maintaining a minimum 2.5 GPA* and who have a demonstrated interest in community service above and beyond classroom requirements.

Students from all fields of study are encouraged to apply and US citizenship is not a requirement. The scholarship covers \$1,000 (for enrollment in a 4-year college or university program) or \$500 (for enrollment in a 2-year college, trade school or university program) in tuition, fees or books during the freshman year.

Number of Scholarships

One scholarship will be awarded during the recipient's graduation/awards ceremony. In a case where two students are equally qualified and both students plan to attend two-year programs, two scholarships will be awarded.

Eligibility Requirements

Student must be enrolled in a full course of studies at a high school in the Renton, WA School District. Student must be a member of the senior class and eligible to graduate with their class. Student must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA* and be 16 years of age or older at the time of graduation. Applicants may be of any nationality. No membership or affiliation with the Renton Lions Club, nor any Lions club, Leo chapters, etc. is required by the student to be eligible for this scholarship.

Application Requirements and Deadline

The application deadline is the third Friday in February of the current school year. Recipient will be notified by the first Monday in May of the current school year. Application and other relevant scholarship forms must all be submitted at the same time.

Application forms are available online through the Renton School District web site. Application forms must be filled out in full.

Verifiable community service must be performed over the course of the school year. For purposes of this scholarship, the minimum number of community service hours for the qualifying period can number no less than 40 hours. Applications verifying community service hours in excess of this figure will be given more consideration than those applications with just the minimum amount of hours submitted. Only community service hours from September 1 of the current school year until the second Friday of February will be recognized for this year's scholarship. Applicant may submit any and all documentation verifying his/her community service on the form of his/her choosing.

An essay of 1000-1500 words detailing the student's interest in, and the importance of, service in the community is required along with the application and documented community service hours.

The Scholarship Covers

Scholarship covers \$1,000 (for enrollment in a 4-year college or university program) or \$500 (for enrollment in a 2-year college, trade school or university program) in tuition, fees or books during the freshman year. The funds are paid directly to the school by the Renton Lions Club, in the name of the student, upon verifiable proof of enrollment in a college, trade school or university.

If student is awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for entry into a 4-year program and student then enrolls into a 2-year program after the scholarship has been awarded, Renton Lions Club reserves the right to change the scholarship to a \$500 scholarship.

The Scholarship does not Cover

Travel, meals, housing or any living expenses the student may have. Scholarship money also cannot be used for insurance fees, medical coverage of any kind, souvenirs, tips or personal items. No funds are to be paid directly to the student. All funds will be paid directly to the school.

Selection Procedure

Members of the Scholarship Committee, made up of active members of the Renton Lions Club, will be the sole judges in the awarding of the scholarship. The Scholarship Committee will choose from only those students that have applied for the scholarship and have met all requirements set forth.

The selection committee will consider an applicant's replies on the application form, their student activities, academic achievement, essays and community service in awarding this scholarship. Should it be deemed necessary by the selection committee, a personal interview with all finalists may be conducted to determine who will be awarded the scholarship. Any personal interviews with the selection committee will be arranged through the career center counselor of the student's high school.

Application Procedure

Attach the application form to:

- A form or forms listing all verified community service hours from September 1 through the deadline date of the current school year
- All required essays as outlined in the application form

Have your career center counselor fill out and sign the academic and community service verification form. Your career center counselor will then submit all forms to the selection committee for review. No applications will be accepted without a career counselor's signature and verification.

IMPORTANT

Be sure to submit a complete application

- 1) Make certain that every question on the application has been answered
- 2) Make sure that you have supplied verifiable references for community service that you are listing
- 3) Make certain that the listed community service hours qualify for consideration. Listings deemed invalid will be subtracted from the total. If the total then falls below 40 hours, the application will not be considered. See page 8 for clarification.
- 4) Make sure to include all essays requested
- 5) Make sure that you have submitted all forms to your career center counselor in time for your career center counselor to submit your application to the selection committee before the deadline

Failure to submit all required forms and information *together* and by the deadline of the third Friday in February will result in the invalidation of the application.

Declaration of Applicant

I have read and understand the instructions and declare that:

- A. All information provided is true and complete
- B. I understand that all information provided is subject to audit
- C. I am eligible to apply for this scholarship based on the requirements and eligibility prerequisites noted in this application form
- D. I will be a full-time student at the institution named and for the period stated
- E. I will immediately notify the Renton Lions Club in writing if I withdraw my application to the stated institution before entry as a freshman student in the next Fall quarter/ semester of said institution

I understand and agree that:

- A. My personal information submitted by myself and the school district will not be shared with any outside parties
- B. Should I withdraw from the college, trade school or university in which I enroll prior to the conclusion of the first quarter or semester of my freshman year, all scholarship money paid to that institution by the Renton Lions Club will be owed by me to the Renton Lions Club, to be re-deposited back into their Scholarship fund.

Signature of Applicant (in ink)

Today's Date (in ink)

Signature of Parent or Guardian (in ink)

Today's Date (in ink)

Application for the Renton Lions Club Scholarship

Be certain to fill in ALL information. If something does not apply, write N/A in the space or check or circle the Not Applicable selection provided in the section for you. Do not leave anything blank that calls for a response from you.

Please check the scholarship for which you are applying (check one only) \$ 1,000 4-Year program

Personal Information

\$ 1,000 4-Year program

\$ 500 2-Year program

Full name (First, middle, last)

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Mailing Address (if different from residence address)

City

State

Zip Code

Gender (circle one) M F

Social Security Number

Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)

Telephone (area code first)

Email address (if applicable)

Citizenship (check one)

U.S. citizen

Permanent resident (legal immigrant)

Residency

Yes No

Do your parent(s)/guardian(s) currently live in Renton? (Circle one)

Yes No

Have you lived in Renton all of your life? (Circle one)

If No, since:

mm/yyyy

How did you find out about the Renton Lions Club Scholarship?

Extracurricular Activities in High School

Include school activities and honors. Add additional pages if you need more space.

Mo/Yr to	Mo/Yr	Description of activity

Work Experience

Include present and previous employment.

Mo/Yr to	Mo/Yr	Description of activity

Personal Statement

Please attach a 200– to 500–word autobiographical essay in which you highlight significant experiences, personal accomplishments, achievements, community involvement and experiences that have given you personal satisfaction and have helped to form your character. Be sure to comment on your aspirations in terms of your educational and career goals. Finally, explain the difference receiving a scholarship would mean in your life.

In other words, who are you and how has Life shaped you into the person you are?

Personal statements are used by the selection committee to select scholarship recipients. Be sure to put your name and Social Security Number on the personal statement.

Education Information

Please list the last three schools that you attended. If you are enrolled in the Running Start program, please list the school that you are attending for college classes.

Period of study		Institution	
From	To	Name of institution	Program

Which college or institution do you plan to attend next fall?

If you are considering more than one institution or have not finalized your decision, please list all schools you are considering.

What program will you be enrolled in or what is your planned major?

What is the length of your program? (Check one) 2 years 4 years Other

What degree or diploma do you plan to graduate with?

When will you complete the program? (mm/yyyy)

What is your desired occupation?

Financial Information

Where will you live while attending school? (ie—with parent(s)/guardian, own home, rental, subsidized housing, etc.)

From September to August, how many months will you be a full-time student?

What is your current marital status? (Single, married, common-law, single parent)

Do you have any dependent children living with you? (Check one)

Yes
 No

If yes, how many?

Estimated monthly expenses while attending school

Rent, utilities, food, clothing, transportation, etc.

Estimated monthly income while attending school

Include wages, spouse's wages, government funds, etc.

What will your education costs be for the year?

Include tuition, fees, books, supplies, etc.

Total resources other than monthly income

Include bank savings, assets, scholarships and grants but not student loans.

How much money will you need to complete the school year? Estimated

						Unknown
1.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
4.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Essay Question

In 1,000 – 1,500 typed words, please describe your interest in community service along with the importance of service in the community. Please include a history of your involvement in community service and what you envision as your future participation and/or role in community involvement.

Attach the pages to the application form along with all other documentation that you are submitting with this application. Be sure to put your name and Social Security Number on each page of the essay.

Community Involvement and Service

Please attach all records of community service performed over the course of the school year between September 1 and the second Friday in February. All entries must be verifiable (contact name and telephone number). You may use any document of your choice for submitting these records and multiple instances may be listed on the same document.

Community service is defined by the scholarship committee as unpaid volunteer work which is beneficial to the *community*. Community service is not necessarily restricted to charitable and/or non-profit organizations. Community service performed while in pursuit of a merit badge or award as a member of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire, etc. is allowed.

Community service is *not* extracurricular school activities (ie — decorating for school dances, DECA, school activities which earn academic credit, etc.). Community service is not participation in your church. However, performing volunteer services for your school or church, such as an organized trash pick-up, beautification or recycling program, *would* qualify as community service.

Your career center counselor must sign the recommendation form stating that he/she has seen the documents being submitted and write the total hours of community service performed in the appropriate space on the form. If the hours submitted on the documents do not match the hours stated by the guidance counselor, the application may be disallowed.

The scholarship committee reserves the right to grant final approval or disapproval of community service hours submitted for application.

Certification – to be signed by all applicants

I have read and understand the enclosed information. I affirm that the information which I have provided on this application form, and any other additional material that I am submitting related to the scholarship application, is complete, accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (FERPA), I hereby authorize the Renton Lions Club Scholarship Committee to consider the scholarship application information provided by me, as well as other official information regarding my academic progress and status and community service involvement. I also understand that furnishing false information may result in disqualification of my application and revocation of any scholarship awarded by the Renton Lions Club to me.

Signature of Applicant (in ink)

Today's Date (in ink)

Career Counselor/Teacher Recommendation

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?

2. In your opinion, how firm is the applicant's commitment to his/her proposed field of study?

3. How would you rate the applicant in the following areas?

	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average	Unable to Evaluate
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seriousness of purpose	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enthusiasm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adaptability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Please cite specific examples of how the applicant has demonstrated the qualities listed in question 3.

5. Additional comments

7. What is the current 1st semester cumulative GPA of the applicant? _____

8. Is applicant on track to graduate with his/her class in June? (check one) Yes No

9. Have you reviewed the community service hours submitted with the application with the applicant for completeness and verifiability? (check one)

Yes No

10. How many community service hours are being submitted by the applicant? _____

Career Counselor Certification

I have read and approved the enclosed information and documents. I affirm that the information which I have reviewed on this application form, and any other additional material that I am submitting related to the scholarship application, is complete, accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that furnishing false information may result in disqualification of the application and revocation of any scholarship awarded by the Renton Lions Club to the applicant.

Signature of Career Center Counselor

Today's Date

Printed name of Career Center Counselor

High School

Please be certain that all documents are submitted with the completed application at the same time. Make sure that all extra documents have the applicant's name and Social Security number printed on them. If you have the applicant mail the packet, be sure to inform them that more than one stamp will be required. To avoid delays, take the packet to the post office to verify the correct amount of postage. Applications received after the deadline due to incorrect postage will not be accepted for consideration.

Do not include this page with the application

Checklist for application submission

(include each of these items in the *same* envelope)

- Application form Pages 4 through 10 are the only pages required. Make sure *all* questions are answered and all required signatures are in place.
- Personal Statement (Include name and Social Security Number on the form)
- Essay (Include name and Social Security Number on the form)
- Community service hours (Include name and Social Security Number on the form)
- Guidance counselor statements and signature (pages 9 & 10)

Seal all documents in a single envelope (minimum size #10 commercial, maximum size 9"x12" catalog) and mail to:

**Renton Lions Club
ATTN: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 554
Renton, WA 98057**

This envelope will require more than one first class stamp. Don't guess at the weight — take it to the post office so that you put the correct postage on the envelope. If the application is returned to you for insufficient postage, you may miss the deadline for application.

NOTE: If no return address is on the envelope and the envelope is delivered with postage due, the application will *not* be considered.

Any applications received after the deadline, but postmarked *before* the deadline, will be accepted. The postmark will be the sole determining factor whether or not a late arriving application is accepted or declined.