

# Application Renton Lions Foundation Scholarship

## Deadline

Must be postmarked by the first Friday in May



# Renton

*If I have been of service, if I have glimpsed more of the nature and essence of ultimate good, if I am inspired to reach wider horizons of thought and action, if I am at peace with myself, it has been a successful day.*

*--Alex Noble*

## **Renton Lions Scholarship**

The Renton Lions Scholarship was established to award to a student each year who has shown an interest and devotion to service in his or her community. This scholarship honors the effort of a student who 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, maintaining a minimum 2.5 GPA\*, and who have 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 toward a 2 or 4 year college, trade school or university program; paying for tuition, fees and/or books during the freshman year.

### **Number of Scholarships**

One such scholarship will be awarded during the recipient's graduation/awards ceremony.

### **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 or ethnicity. No membership or affiliation with the Renton Lions Club or Foundation, 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 first Friday in April of the current school year. Recipient will be notified by the second 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 final 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.

\* "Pass" on a pass/fail system in an approved program

### **The Scholarship Covers**

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

**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 upon proof of enrollment.

**Selection Procedure**

Members of the Renton Lions Scholarship Committee, made up of active members of the Renton Lions Foundation, 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:

1. A form or forms listing all verified community service hours required for high school graduation
2. All required essays as outlined in the application form
3. 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.
- 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 first Friday in April 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 Foundation 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 Foundation will be owed by me to the Renton Lions Foundation, to be re-deposited back into their Scholarship fund.

Signature of Parent or Guardian (in ink)

Today's Date (in ink)

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Signature of Applicant (in ink)

Today's Date (in ink)

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**RENTON LIONS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Application Date \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 for 4 or 2 year Programs

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Social Security Number

Address while student \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: M F Citizenship: U.S. citizen Permanent resident (legal immigrant)

*Residency:*

Do your parents/guardians currently live in Renton? YES NO

Have you lived in Renton all of your life? YES NO If No what dates \_\_\_\_\_

Desired Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about the Renton Lions Foundation Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA at time of application \_\_\_\_\_

**Extracurricular Activities in High School:**

Name Details, offices held, other info *(Add additional pages if you need more space)*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List Awards and Honors you have received in college: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Work Experience**

Dates Where? *(Add additional pages if you need more space)*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What college or institution do you plan to attend next fall? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your desired occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information**

How do you or your family plan on paying for college at this point?\_\_\_\_\_

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Where will you live while attending school: Dorms   Parents   Rental   Sub housing   Other

Marital Status:   Single   Married                      Dependent children:      0           1           2           3+

*Please estimate the following:*

Estimated monthly expenses while attending school?                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated monthly income while attending school?                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What will your education cost be for the year?                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total resources other than monthly income?                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How much money will you need to complete the school year?                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### **Personal Statement**

In a 500 words or less, please highlight your significant experiences, personal accomplishments, achievements, community involvement and experience that have given you personal satisfaction and have helped to for your character. Be sure to comment on your aspiration in terms of you educational and career goals. Finally, explain the difference received a scholarship would mean in your life.

**Essay Question**

In 750 words or less, 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.

**Community Involvement and Service**

Please attach all records of community service performed over the course of the school year between September 1 and April 1. 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

**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 Foundation 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 Foundation to me.

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Signature of Applicant (in ink)

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Today's Date (in ink)

**Career Counselor/Teacher Recommendation**

1. In what capacity and how long have you know 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? (From a scale of 1-10 1 being least and 10 being highest)

Leadership	_____
Initiative	_____
Seriousness of purpose	_____
Enthusiasm	_____
Adaptability	_____
Maturity	_____
Emotional Stability	_____
Community Service	_____

4. Please list additional comments about this person
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is the applicants GPA\_\_\_\_\_ As of\_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Is the applicant on track to graduate in June:      YES                  NO
  
7. How many community service hours are being submitted with this application\_\_\_\_\_

**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 Foundation to the applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Career Center Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Today's Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name of Career Center Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
High School

**Checklist and Coversheet for application submission**  
*(include each of these items in the same envelope)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Application form pages. *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

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

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

**Your 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 your 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.