



## Newberg Noon Rotary Club Foundation Crystal Dawn Smith Rilee Scholarship \$2,000 Scholarship

Due the first Monday in April to your high school Scholarship Representative

**History:** Crystal Dawn Smith Rilee was the last member of the Parrett family to be born and raised on Parrett Mountain. At a young age Crystal developed an understanding of the hardships required to carve a living from the land. At the same time, she developed a passion for family history and a fascination with how her family had helped shape the land and how the land had shaped their lives in return.

Leaving Parrett Mountain to pursue a career in government service during World War II, she met and married a Navy man, Robert Rilee. Together they returned to Parrett Mountain in 1953. As the decades passed and Portland's suburban development reached the mountain, Crystal and Bob became deeply concerned about the future of her family's land. Their most fervent wish was that the remaining 368 acres of land, history and traditions be preserved.

Upon their death, the land became a part of Chehalem Park and Recreation District to be preserved for the people of our area for generations to come. Her wish was that farming and its rich traditions be furthered by a scholarship to be presented to young students in our area. This is the *Crystal Dawn Smith Rilee Scholarship* now being conferred.

**Eligibility:** The Crystal Dawn Smith Rilee Scholarship shall be awarded to a Newberg or St. Paul High School senior who:

- Plans to pursue a college/university course of study
- Preference will be given to students planning a career in the agriculture industry/agri-business or related field
- Attains a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or above
- Demonstrates excellent citizenship and respect for others
- Scholarship applicants who are finalists must be available to participate in an interview

**Required Materials:**

- All applications and Letters of Recommendation must be submitted no later than the first Monday of April to your Newberg or St. Paul High School Scholarship Representative
- Only complete applications will be considered
- Two confidential Letters of Recommendation with at least one from a high school staff member
- A one-paged typed (double-spaced) essay that describes
  - the vocation/career you plan to pursue
  - your short and long term goals, and how education will help you achieve these goals,
  - your plans for attaining these goals, including, if applicable, activities in and out of the school, and highlighting your experience and goals with regard to agriculture or agri-business,
  - how your vocation will help you make a positive difference in the world
- A second one-paged typed (double-spaced) essay that describes:
  - your service to others both in school and in the community,
  - your work experience (both paid and volunteer), and
  - anything else you would like the committee to consider.
- A copy of the applicant's high school transcript

All applicants for the Crystal Dawn Smith Rilee Scholarship are encouraged to apply for either the Rotary College/University Scholarship, or Rotary Community College/Vocational Scholarship as well. In those essays, highlight your activities that involve agriculture or agri-business as well as community service (Note: A student can be awarded only one scholarship.)

Scholarship funds will be mailed directly to your school's financial office for tuition. Scholarship winner(s) will be notified by mail with a form requesting information regarding your student number and the address of your college finance office. (The committee reserves the right to alter the amount of the award.)