



**Newberg Noon Rotary Club Foundation
RAY SIMONSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
\$3,000 Scholarship**

Due the first Monday in April to your high school scholarship representative

History: The Ray Simonson Scholarship was established in 2015 by the Newberg Noon Rotary Club. A retired educator, Ray Simonson has a special devotion to our youth. Through his career as a Korean War Veteran, 26 years with the Oregon National Guard, Football All-American at Linfield College, Teacher, Principal, Newberg School District Central Office Administrator, and Rotary member, Ray has always embodied the motto "Service above Self". Ray's resume of humanitarian endeavors runs two pages, but in particular, Ray's Rotary efforts were coordinating the Newberg Noon Rotary Club Student Needs Program distributing funds for the basic personal needs of children in Newberg schools, and Ray was the Chairman of the Rotary Scholarship committee for many years. Since that time, the scholarship committee has given out hundreds of thousands of dollars to Newberg and St Paul Students. Ray's impact on the Newberg community has been substantial and in his name, we dedicate this scholarship.

All applicants for the Ray Simonsen 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 follow Ray Simonson's example of kindness, compassion, generosity, perseverance, vision, and community service. (Note: A student can be awarded only one scholarship.)

The Newberg Noon Rotary Club Scholarship Committee shall conduct interviews of scholarship finalists. Applicants must be available to participate in an interview.

Applicant's full name:

Telephone:

Email address (other than your high school email account):

Mailing address:

What post-high school program or college will you attend?

Have you applied?

Have you been admitted?

What credential or degree will you pursue?

Eligibility: The Ray Simonson Scholarship shall be awarded to a graduate of Newberg High School who:

- Best emulates Ray Simonson's life values of kindness, compassion, generosity, perseverance, vision and community service
- Pursues post high school education or training--not limited to university or community college
- Attains a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- Demonstrates excellent citizenship and respect for others

Required Materials:

- Completed application form. (Only complete applications will be considered.)
- Two confidential letters of recommendation from high school staff.
- A one-page typed essay (double-spaced) that describes how the applicant embodies the Rotary motto "Service Above Self." Include an overview of activities you have done in school and in the community, and one or two specific examples. How have you served family, school, church, or community?
- A second one-page typed essay (double-spaced) that includes the following:
 - the vocation/career you plan to pursue
 - your most important short-term and long-term goals that will make this vocation possible
 - your plans for attaining these goals, including, if applicable, activities both in and out of school
 - how your vocation will help you make a positive difference in the world
- A copy of the applicant's high school transcript.

A high school transcript **must** accompany your application, essay and references. In compliance with the *Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974*, I hereby give permission to release my transcript or my student's transcript to the Newberg Noon Rotary Club Scholarship Committee.

Signature of Student (Age 18)

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if student under 18)

Scholarship funds will be mailed directly to your school's Financial Aid Office. One-half each semester or one-third each term beginning the first week in September.