

Silvies Valley Ranch Scholarship  
Application Packet

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 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 received by the Scholarship Committee on or before the first day of May 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 office by the due date specified above.

Best regards,

Silvies Valley Ranch Scholarship  
Committee

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS SEEKING A**

**SILVIES VALLEY RANCH SCHOLARSHIP**

Please be advised that everything counts on your application; neatness, legibility, spelling, grammar, following instructions, and providing the information requested are 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 for your transcript to arrive here 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 2 pages of this document).

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 so 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.

If you want to be assured that we have received your application or any other correspondence, we recommend that you send it certified mail, return receipt requested.

F. If a copy of your SAT, ACT, or other standardized test score is required, a photocopy of that test result is acceptable.

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G. 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 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  
c/o Sandra Campbell  
7610 SE 162<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Portland, OR 97236

Remember, the completed application, together with all requested transcripts, test scores and letters of recommendation, must be received by the **1<sup>st</sup> day of May** 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.



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9. 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 Scholarship is not meant to cover my entire scholastic expenses.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Other Assistance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM THE SILVIES VALLEY RANCH FOR  
THIS ACADEMIC YEAR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (up to a maximum of \$1000.00)

10. On (date) \_\_\_\_\_, I requested that my official high school transcript be sent to you.

11. Test Scores: ACT: \_\_\_\_\_ and/or SAT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Enclose a copy of your test results with your application.)

List high school and community activities in which you have participated, stating position or office attained, if any:

<b>High School or Community Activity</b>	<b>Position or Office Attained</b>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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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:

**Pet Related Activity, (Volunteer or Employment)      Community, School, Organization, Employer**


**\*\*For previous Silvies Valley Ranch Scholarship recipients: list college and community activities in which you have participated, stating position or office attained, if any:**

<b>College or Community Activity</b>	<b>Position or Office Attained</b>

**1. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

From:	To:	Present Employer	Hrs. per wk.
City	State		Job Title

From:	To:	Previous Employer	Hrs. per wk.
City	State		Job Title



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13. 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 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 the 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 received by:

THE SILVIES VALLEY RANCH SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
C/o Sandra Campbell  
7610 SE 162<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
PORTLAND, OR 97236

\*\*On or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May of the current year

- 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?

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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

<b>Skills and Abilities</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Notable</b>	<b>Exceptional</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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					

