

November 1, 2020

Dear Counselor,

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society (RVGS) is pleased to offer a **\$1,500 scholarship award** opportunity to an outstanding young person who plans to attend a college or university in the state of Oregon beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. The scholarship is offered in honor of the more than 55 years of research and family history by RVGS members. The society has grown over time from a small group to its current membership in excess of 800. RVGS owns and operates the Jackson County Genealogy Library in Medford with its large selection of genealogical themed books, media and pioneer files. We have computer stations with subscriptions to a wide variety of genealogical websites such as Ancestry.com, My Heritage.com, Fold3 and the like. We offer research, classes, programs, events and seminars to our members as well as the general public. All students may use our library free of charge. Please see our website for the latest information on hours open.

Enclosed is a copy of the official application and scholarship guidelines. You are free to make copies of the form and guidelines as needed. The scholarship application and guidelines may also be found on our website: www.rvgsociety.org. Home school and on-line students working in conjunction with your high school are also eligible to apply. The scholarship is open only to students who are residents of Jackson County, Oregon.

The deadline for us to receive completed applications and supporting documents is Friday, February 26, 2021 in our library located at 3405 S. Pacific Highway, Medford, OR 97501. The scholarship award recipient will be notified in writing by March 31, 2021.

We appreciate the effort you make in getting scholarship opportunities to graduating seniors, and we want to thank you in advance for helping match our scholarship to the most qualified candidates. We look forward to receiving the applications and the challenge of selecting the best candidate to receive this scholarship. If you have any questions, please contact me.

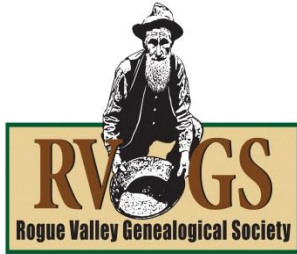
Sincerely,

Marilyn Ayres
RVGS Scholarship Chairman
541-488-9547

Enclosures

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ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2021 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill out this form in your own **handwriting**.
You may use the reverse side if needed.

Your Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Names and ages of other family members _____

Names and relationship of persons you live with _____

High school presently attending _____

Student ID Number _____ (Social Security number must be provided later by successful applicant.)

Classes yet to be taken prior to graduation _____

Oregon college or university you plan to attend _____

Other colleges or universities you plan or have applied to _____

Your planned field of study _____

Your financial need _____

Work experience _____

Volunteer and/or community experience _____

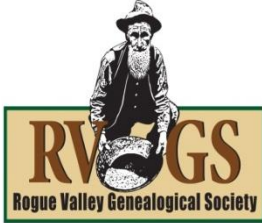
Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

The application must be filled out completely **and sent together with the other required supporting materials outlined in the official guidelines, so that it is received/delivered to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society not later than Friday, February 26, 2021.**

Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, Attn: Marilyn Ayres, Scholarship Chairman
3405 South Pacific Highway
Medford, OR 97501

Survey question:

How did you hear about this scholarship?



THE ROGUE VALLEY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OFFICIAL GUIDELINES FOR THE 2021-2022 COLLEGE YEAR

The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society is pleased to offer an opportunity for a scholarship award in the amount of \$1,500.00 (fifteen hundred dollars) to a high school senior residing in Jackson County, Oregon.

1. Each entry must be handwritten on the current official application form, (see attached), signed in ink by the applicant **and accompanied by the supporting information in #6 below.**
2. Consideration will be given to applicants who are graduating from a Jackson County, Oregon high school. Home school students and on-line high school students may also apply through the Jackson County high school where they will receive their diploma and can contact the school's counselor for the application and guidelines.
3. Scholarship awards must be used by the student in an accredited college or university in the state of Oregon. The student must enroll as a full-time student. Applicant must be a resident of the state of Oregon. No specific field of study is required. However, some fields of study that are relevant to genealogy are anthropology, history, law, linguistics, literature, writing, cultural preservation, geography, computer science, molecular biology, genetics and library science.
4. The scholarship money will be sent directly to the school's financial aid office after verification is received that the student is registered. The appropriate financial aid office shall contact the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society in writing with their school's form for transmittal and verification of full-time enrollment of the award recipient.
5. Education Scholarship monies not applied for by March 31, 2022 will be forfeited. **It is up to the award recipient to make sure the money is applied for in a timely manner or it will be forfeited.**
6. Applications must include the following items a. through h.
 - a. The official scholarship form for the 2021-22 academic year.
 - b. A small photo, approximately 2"x 3" for publicity.
 - c. An **official transcript** of grades from the high school currently attending.
 - d. Your latest SAT or ACT scores if taken, but only if your chosen college requires them.
 - e. A personal letter or essay. This should state goals, financial need, future plans, community service and any additional pertinent information useful to our selection committee.

- f. Three (3) letters of recommendation, **PLEASE NOTE, no more than two (2) letters from school personnel, and a third from an adult well acquainted with the applicant away from school such as through work, church, community sports, volunteer or community service.**
 - g. Please list subjects you will be taking in the rest of your senior year.
 - h. A Social Security number is not required on the application form, but the winning scholarship award recipient must provide his or her Social Security number to the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society's treasurer upon notification of the award.
7. Applications must be received by the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society no later than February 26, 2021. They should be timely mailed or delivered to the Jackson County Genealogy Library, 3405 S. Pacific Hwy, Medford, OR 97501, ATTN: Scholarship Chairman. **Applications mailed but not received by the February 26, 2021 deadline will not be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered.** The Rogue Valley Genealogical Society Selection Committee, based on the application with all the supporting documentation furnished, will make the final selection. The successful applicant will be notified in writing by March 31, 2021. The award recipient will be invited to a meeting of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society to tell members of their future plans.