



## **THE LOUISE AND GEORGE LYON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Lyons were lifelong members of the Ocean Park Civic League and dedicated a good portion of their free time to serving the community in which they lived. They were especially committed to supporting the Ocean Park Volunteer Rescue Squad, which was the first, all voluntary, rescue squad established in Virginia Beach and which is still in operation today on Shore Drive.

### **RULES FOR APPLICATION**

#### **GENERAL**

- A. The Scholarship is offered by the Ocean Park Civic League (OPCL). Members of the OPCL shall serve on the scholarship selection committee.
- B. The purpose of the Scholarship Fund is to provide a grant of \$1,000.00 to a qualified student, as determined by the OPCL, for the period of one school year AND up to three subsequent years to the in-state postsecondary institution as long as the student maintains a 2.8 GPA. If the 2.8 GPA is not maintained, the scholarship is no longer in effect.
- C. Applications will be posted at Virginia Beach Schools Scholarship Central and at [www.OPCL.org](http://www.OPCL.org)
- D. In determining the annual recipient, primary consideration will be based on need for financial assistance (Family Income < \$180,000), community service, and overall qualifications, with additional consideration being given to residents of Ocean Park, if applicable.
- E. The OPCL reserves the right to discontinue the Scholarship Fund at any time.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- A. Applicants must be senior year students in an accredited high school in Virginia Beach.
- B. Applicants must have been a resident of Virginia Beach, Virginia for at least one year preceding the date of application.
- C. Applicants must attend a college, nursing program, or accredited postsecondary career/vocational school in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- D. Applicants must be a student in good standing and maintain a grade point average of at least 2.8 while receiving the scholarship.
- E. If an applicant must change schools within the Commonwealth of Virginia during the scholarship award period, s/he must notify the OPCL representative no later than the end of the academic year preceding the change. As long as the student remains at an institution in Virginia, eligibility is not affected.

## **APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:**

- A. The Application Information page completed in full.
- B. A short essay on why you believe volunteerism is important, and how you have made a positive contribution in your community through your volunteer efforts.
- C. Three (3) letters of reference:
  - a. One (1) personal reference from an official or teacher at your school
  - b. One (1) from a mentor or leader for whom you are volunteering/working.
  - c. One (1) from persons other than relatives.
- D. Application must be signed by the student **and** the applicant's parent or guardian.
- E. Official High School Transcript
- F. Please mail your completed application packet including letters of reference to:  
  
Betty J. Dierstein  
OPCL  
P.O. Box 55385  
Virginia Beach, VA 23471
- G. Must be postmarked by March 31, 2024

**PLEASE NOTE: Applications for the scholarship must be COMPLETED IN FULL to be considered.**

## **RECIPIENT**

- A. Recipient will be notified of selection at or before the school's Senior Awards Assembly.
- B. The recipient is required to advise the OPCL scholarship chairperson of the name and the address of the institution to which the funds are to be sent. Specific directions will be provided to the recipient in the award letter.
- C. The recipient is also required to provide a college transcript at the end of each academic year in order to prove eligibility for the next award year.

**APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR THE  
LOUISE AND GEORGE LYON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time living in Virginia Beach \_\_\_\_\_

Names of parents/guardians (father, mother, guardian(s))

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Parent/Guardian Address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Father's/Guardian's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's/Guardian's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate annual combined income \_\_\_\_\_

Number of siblings living at home and/or currently attending college

\_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's High school \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT Scores \_\_\_\_\_

**On a separate page, list extra-curricular activities and any offices held**

**On a separate page, list volunteer and/or work experience**

Please provide information on where you have been accepted and which Virginia institution you plan to attend:

Name of School	Accepted (Yes or No)

**GEORGE AND LOUSE LYON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (cont.)**

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Student Signature

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Parents or Guardian Signature

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Date

**Mail completed application packet by March 31, 2024 to:**

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