

'Lions Scholarship Proposal'

The Sarasota LIONS Club will offer four renewable scholarships to graduating seniors who plan to enter a technical school or a 4-year college. One student will be selected from Sarasota High School, another from Riverview High School, a third from Booker High School, and the fourth scholarship from other Sarasota County public, private or Charter high schools. The scholarship will be based on FINANCIAL NEED, GRADES, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES and a PERSONAL/FAMILY HISTORY OF EYE ISSUES or DISABILITY as determined by the Scholarship Committee of the Lions Club. The amount of the award will be \$1000 per academic school year and renewable each year up to 4 years. The students have to be enrolled in college full-time and maintain passing grades of at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA. Each year the students will have to be re-certified showing proof of eligibility. All payments will go directly to the Financial Department of the respective schools of higher education by crediting their account. Most students will receive up to \$4000 over a 4-year period. Under no circumstances are the students to receive money directly. Failure to comply with reporting requirements will be grounds for denial of scholarship aid. If a student is arrested for drug or alcohol use (including DWI) or charged with a felony, the LIONS Club reserves the right to deny scholarship aid. There are no restrictions as to the major, but preference may be given to individual students who pursue a career in eye sight, hearing and/or disabilities. Student applicants are required to write a short (100 word) essay as part of the application process outlining their field of interest and reason for choosing. Two recommendations are required preferably from the head of a volunteer organization outlining the unique personality characteristics or accomplishments of the student or from a student's employer. Recommendations from teachers or guidance counselors are also encouraged. A friend, neighbor or family member is not an appropriate reference. A 2.5 or higher GPA is required. Students must submit the FAFSA financial statement to justify financial need. Community involvement and/or work experience is required. The application, including the required materials are to be sent by the student by March 1st to: Sarasota LIONS Club. P.O. Box 51207, Sarasota, FL 34232.

The Sarasota LIONS Club was started in 1952, one of 45,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas throughout the world boasting over 1.3 million members worldwide. LIONS Club International supports the motto of "WE SERVE" to our local communities and nationwide, including international economic and financial support. Our main emphasis has been on assisting individuals and communities in the area of eye care, blindness, diabetes, seeing-eye dogs, cataract operations and in the area of hearing and disabilities. The Sarasota LIONS Club is committed to service in our local community through support of various projects including support of local youth groups and sports activities, youth leadership awards, and funding to local community agencies.

SARASOTA LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

P.O. BOX 51207, Sarasota, FL 34232 Phone: 941-953-2658

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ Phone # _____
City, State, Zip _____ Fax #: _____
SS#: _____ Email: _____
Name of High School: _____ Current GPA: _____
School Activities (list): _____

Community Service? (name) _____

Employer: _____
Prior Felony Conviction, including drug and alcohol (including DWI)? Yes No
Explain: _____
List Leadership positions held: _____

Personal/family history of eye problems, hearing and/or disability? Yes No
Explain: _____

Total Family Income (Attach FAFSA) _____ Student Income: _____
College or technical school planning to attend: _____
Address of school/college: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone # of Financial Aid Office: _____

Along with this application is a copy of the FAFSA financial statement, two recommendations preferably from a supervisor from a community agency, employer or school official (a friend, neighbor or family member is not an appropriate reference), and a 100-word essay indicating your field of interest and reasons selected. Deadline for submission of Application is March 1st.

By signing below, I hereby certify that the information above is accurate, including the FAFSA financial statement and 100-word essay. If selected, I hereby agree to the conditions set forth in the awarding of the scholarship directly to the college. I also agree to submit the necessary paperwork, including copies of my GPA scores each year to determine continued eligibility.

Signed: _____ Date: _____