

The Salem Foundation - Lois J Erickson Scholarship Application

Applications will be accepted through April 30, 2021.

Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Eligibility ☐:

1. Review the separate Scholarship Information page to make sure that you meet all eligibility requirements.

Transcript ☐:

2. Mail an official high school transcript, in a sealed envelope, with the school's seal, to:

The Salem Foundation – Lois J Erickson Scholarship
c/o Pioneer Trust Bank, N.A.
P.O. Box 2305
Salem, OR 97308

Application Form ☐:

3. Complete this 2-page application form and sign it. One parent or guardian must also sign.
4. On a separate piece of paper answer the following questions:
 1. Describe your involvement in community activities.
 2. Describe your general education and career goals.
 3. Write a paragraph about what you have learned about serving your community from your mother's or father's career as a public servant.

Essay ☐:

5. Write a one-page essay explaining what your hometown of Keizer means to you.

Letter of Recommendation ☐:

6. Obtain a letter of recommendation from a community member.

Teacher Evaluations

7. Provide the downloadable Teacher Evaluation form to two McNary High School teachers. Evaluation forms should be signed by the teachers. We will provide instructions on the form for the teachers to email the forms to us.

Online Form ☐:

8. Complete the online form and upload the application, the questions in item #4 above, your essay, and the letter of recommendation *all at the same time*.
9. Input the name, phone number, and email address of the person who wrote the recommendation letter for you on the online form.
10. The online form is available at <https://www.salemfoundation.org/scholarships/the-salem-foundation-lois-j-erickson-scholarship-fund/>

Completed application, essay, and letter of recommendation must be uploaded by April 30, 2021.

We must receive the two teacher evaluation forms from the teachers via email by April 30, 2021.

The official transcript must be postmarked by April 30, 2021.

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Name of Applicant _____

Name of Institution You Plan to Attend _____

Proposed Major Field _____

Mother's Name _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Occupation _____ Name of Employer _____

Father's Occupation _____ Name of Employer _____

TO BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR:

Number in high school graduating class _____ Student's rank _____

S.A.T. Scores:

Critical Reading _____

Writing _____

Math _____

Other (indicate subject and score) _____

G.P.A. _____

Date _____

Signature of Principal or Counselor

SIGNATURES OF APPLICANT AND PARENT:

Date _____

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent

James and Lois J Erickson

Jim and Lois June "Holly" Erickson were longtime residents of the Keizer community. They were married in December of 1947, and in 1948 started building their Keizer home where they lived until Holly passed away in 2013. Jim died in 2003.

They both graduated from Salem High School, Jim in 1944 and Holly in 1947. Jim served in the US Navy after graduating, intending to become a pilot. He served in the Pacific until he was discharged and then attended school at Oregon State College. As a Reservist in 1951-52 he was called back to the Pacific fleet during the Korean Conflict. Jim contracted polio in 1954 but fought to overcome the debilitating effects of the disease. In 1999 post-polio syndrome slowly disabled him.

Together they raised three children who all graduated from McNary High School. Jim and Holly owned and operated JAE Foods, a Kraft Foods distributorship, until 1964 when they purchased Viesko Redi-Mix, now Quality Concrete. They built the business from four employees to over 50 employees when Jim retired in 1993. Jim worked in every aspect of the business as the company grew over the years.

Holly was Keizer's First Citizen of the Year in 1993 for her many accomplishments and participation in the growth of Keizer. She and Jim were instrumental in efforts to save the original Keizer School Building, and the development of the Keizer Heritage Center that it is today.

In 1980 they began their many travel excursions. They traveled to all seven continents and the North Pole. According to Holly, they "never could have envisioned their good and adventurous life, that they would travel the world and experience the wondrous things" they did. They visited 93 countries, cruised around the world several times, including trips across northern Russia from Anchorage, Alaska to Spalvard, Norway and The Northwest Passage. They kept a colorful world map that pinpointed all their travel locations around the globe.

Hard work, Education and Community were important aspects of life for the two of them. Upon their death they chose to set up The Lois J Erickson Scholarship to benefit McNary High School graduates who desire to advance their education and better the lives of those around them.