

The Salem Foundation – Lois J Erickson Scholarship Scholarship Information

Applications will be accepted through February 28, 2024.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Any McNary High School graduating senior whose parent is employed in Police, Fire, or EMT, including support staff;
- or*
2. Any McNary High School graduating senior whose parent or legal guardian is a Salem/Keizer district school teacher (only) who has taught at McNary or a McNary feeder school for a minimum of 5 years;
- and*
3. McNary graduating senior who fits the above criteria and plans to further his/her education by attending any accredited institution of higher education, including trade or business schools, two year community colleges, four year colleges leading to a bachelor's degree, and graduate or professional schools.

SELECTION

The criteria for selection will be:

1. How the applicant represents their hometown of Keizer
2. Community and school involvement
3. Teacher Evaluation Form
4. Essay and application questions
5. Overall grades
6. Finalists will be contacted for an interview with the Scholarship Committee.

Financial need is not a requirement.

Relatives of scholarship committee members are ineligible to receive a Lois J Erickson Scholarship.

AMOUNT AND PURPOSE

The scholarship amount will be determined by the Scholarship Committee, and will depend upon the number of scholarships awarded. The highest amount that can be awarded is \$11,025.45, but smaller amounts may be awarded.

This scholarship may be used for tuition, room, board, books and fees. The frequency of the scholarship payment, whether in one single payment or in partial payments over a number of terms/years, will depend upon the type of school the recipient(s) attends and will be determined by the Trustee.

How to Apply

1. 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

Your official transcript must be postmarked by February 28, 2024.

2. Obtain a letter of recommendation from a community member. This will be uploaded in the Online Application.
3. 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.
4. Complete Online Application:

The online application is available at <https://www.salemfoundation.org/scholarships-2/>

ONLINE APPLICATION INCLUDES:

1. One page essay explaining what your hometown of Keizer means to you.
2. One letter of recommendation from a community member.
3. Description of your involvement in community activities.
4. Description of your general education and career goals.
5. A paragraph of what you have learned about serving your community from your parent(s).