

THE SENECA LOGGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Seneca Logger Memorial Scholarship fund has been so named in order to commemorate the men who played on the town softball team sponsored by Edward Hines in the early years of the community. ([Click here](#) to see photographs of the team) The Seneca Loggers, as they were called, were symbolic of the wonderful men and women who made, and continue to make, Seneca the great place it is for raising children and allowing “kids to be kids”. Though Seneca has always been a small, isolated community, its residents have always given of themselves to continually improve its standard of living and to offer their children the best education possible, both in and outside the schoolhouse. This scholarship fund is merely a continuation of the work started by those pioneers.

The Seneca Logger Memorial Scholarship is offered once a year and is available to any interested high school seniors who are eligible to graduate from Grant Union High School (GUHS). To apply, students must meet the minimum application criteria described in detail below. Other details regarding the application and selection process, selection criteria, and important dates for the entire process can also be found below.

Once the application period has ended, a selection committee will review the applications. The applicants who have met all of the minimum requirements will be notified and each will be scheduled for a 30-minute interview with the selection committee. Once all of the interviews have been completed, an Order of Merit list will be developed based on all qualified applicants and how they were assessed relative to each other. One scholarship will be awarded to the most qualified candidate.

The amount of the award will be \$1000. Following graduation from high school and once the student has enrolled in a college, university, or trade school of his / her choice, the scholarship money will be paid directly to the respective institution by the Seneca School Foundation. Neither the students nor their parents / legal guardians will have direct access to the funds.

Recipients of the scholarship will have 2 years from the date of the award to enroll in a college, university, or trade school of their choice. If they have not enrolled by this time, the scholarship will be withdrawn.

The purpose of the scholarship program is:

- to provide GUHS students, who have attended the Seneca School, an incentive to strive for excellence both in and outside the classroom.
- to provide students with limited or no financial resources, but who have the desire and ability to eventually attend a college or university of their choice, with additional financial support.
- to assist in increasing the number of students attending the Seneca School. This scholarship will be something not offered anywhere else in the county and probably not in the state of Oregon, which in itself, might induce parents living outside of Bear Valley to more seriously consider sending their children to attend the Seneca School rather than other schools in the area.

The following describes the critical aspects of the scholarship program:

1. Minimum application requirements

Interested students must:

- a. be GUHS seniors who have a minimum cumulative academic GPA of 3.50 at the time the application is submitted. There will be no exceptions to this requirement.
- b. have attended the Seneca School at least two complete years.
- c. fill out and submit a scholarship application form as per the instructions on the website no later than the end date of the application period described below. Application instruction and forms will be available on the Foundation's website (www.senecakids.org) during the application period. The application will have a section for parents to confirm their awareness of the application, the scholarship's scope and criteria, and to sign their name(s).
- d. submit a 750-word essay with the application that the applicant has personally written with no outside assistance. This includes assistance by parents. The topic of the essay will be provided in the application form.

2. Evaluation / Selection criteria

Criteria will be based on the "whole person" concept. The records of those students selected will have demonstrated a strong combined performance in the following areas.

Academic scholarship and achievement (Weight: 50%)

- Cumulative GPA for current school year (SY)
- Recognition for special achievements in academic activities and projects

Leadership (Weight: 30%)

- Involvement and achievements in school-sponsored extra curricular activities, i.e. athletics, band, school clubs and organizations, etc.
- Demonstrated leadership skills in these activities
- Involvement in community service projects and activities
- Involvement in clubs, organizations, and activities offered outside the school house, i.e. boy/girl scouts, church activities, work opportunities, etc.

Character (20%)

- Letters of recommendation from adults who have first hand knowledge of the students and their character, i.e. teachers, coaches, club/organization leaders, members of the community, clergy, work supervisors, etc.
- Results of a 30-minute interview with the selection committee

3. Important dates

- a. **Beginning** of the scholarship application period and public announcement of the application essay topic: **December 1**.
- b. **End** of the scholarship application period: **January 31**. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**
- c. Candidate interviews: All interviews will take place on the same day during the period February 15 – March 31. Candidates will be informed of the date in sufficient time to properly prepare themselves.

- d. Completion of the selection process: April 15
- e. Announcement of scholarship winner: GUHS Graduation Ceremony

4. Requirements for students to retain their scholarships

- a. Recipients will have two years from the date of the presentation to be accepted for enrollment in a university, community college, technical / trade school of their choice. Once enrolled as a full-time student the scholarship funds will be transferred to their business account at the respective school.
- b. Recipients not enrolling in a university, community college, technical / trade school within two years of the presentation will lose the scholarship



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