

# Kelso Garden Club Scholarship

## Application Packet - 2019

Thank you for your interest in the scholarship being offered by the Kelso Garden Club. This scholarship program highlights the commitment of the Kelso Garden Club to graduates of Kelso, Castle Rock, and Toutle High Schools in support of their continuing education goals.

Kelso Garden Club will award one scholarship in the amount of \$500. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors accepted into a university, college, community or technical college, or other educational institution.

To apply for a scholarship, you must complete the application form, a personal letter, and a brief essay and provide two letters of reference. This application must be received by **May 1, 2019**. Please read over the guidelines before starting. Any applications not following the guidelines will not be considered for funding.

### **Guidelines for Scholarship:**

Complete and return to Sarah Koss, 262 Sunset Drive, Longview, WA 98632, the following items by May 1, 2019. The application can also be emailed to [sarahkoss@comcast.net](mailto:sarahkoss@comcast.net).

Application: Complete the application form below and provide all of the following sections.

- Copy of College or School Acceptance Letter.
- Reference Letter from teacher.
- Reference Letter from employer or someone who has supervised you as a volunteer.
- Personal Letter: The letter must be typed. The letter should be approximately 250 words. The letter may include your career and educational plans, volunteer involvement, personal interests, plans on how your education will be financed, or any additional information which might assist the Scholarship Committee in their selection process.
- Essay: The essay must be typed. The essay should be approximately 400 - 500 words on topics related to your choice of career and course of study. Students are free to write in whatever style they prefer. The Scholarship Committee will judge content, clarity, facts, creativity, along with spelling, grammar and punctuation. **IMPORTANT: Do not write your name on the essay.**

### **DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2019**

The completed packet (Application, copy of acceptance letter, reference letters, personal letter and essay) addressed to Kelso Garden Club, c/o Sarah Koss, Scholarship Committee, 262 Sunset Drive, Longview, WA 98632 must be received by May 1, 2019. Applications can be emailed to : [sarahkoss@comcast.net](mailto:sarahkoss@comcast.net).

If you have any questions regarding this scholarship application/process, please contact Sarah Koss, Scholarship Committee Member, at 360-636-5981.

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## Eligibility:

- Have applied or been accepted by an educational institution.
- Be graduating from Kelso, Castle Rock or Toutle High Schools.
- Pursuing a career in the fields relating to Horticulture, such as:
  - ◆ Horticulture science
  - ◆ Agriculture
  - ◆ Agronomy and Crop Science
  - ◆ Botany
  - ◆ Entomology
  - ◆ Pest Management
  - ◆ Plant Pathology
  - ◆ Plant Physiology
  - ◆ Conservation Science
  - ◆ Environmental Science
  - ◆ Landscape Design and Implementation
  - ◆ Agricultural Biotechnology
  - ◆ Field Crop Management
  - ◆ Landscape, Nursery and Greenhouse Management
  - ◆ Turfgrass Management
  - ◆ Viticulture and Enology
  - ◆ Floral Design
  - ◆ Forestry
  - ◆ Agricultural and Food Systems
  - ◆ A vocation or skill that will be used to pursue a career in any of the Horticultural fields listed above

## Essay Topics:

- How did you become interested in this career field?
- What experience have you had that convinces you that you would be a good fit for this type of work?
- Have you shadowed or spoken with anyone in this vocational field? What did you learn and how did it influence you?
- Have you taken courses which prepare you for study in this field? What interested you the most in these classes?
- What are the employment possibilities in this field?

## Selection:

The Scholarship Committee will judge the application packet, including the essays. The decision of the Kelso Garden Club is final, and the recipients will be notified within two weeks of the deadline. Scholarship checks will be made out to both the winner and his or her college.

## Agreement:

By submitting your application for the scholarship, permission is granted for the use of your name and essay in various garden club publications. Applications and essays will not be returned, and they will become the property of the Kelso Garden Club.

