

Early Risers Kiwanis Club of Yuba City Vern Williams Scholarship Program

General Information:

We are offering two categories of scholarships to honor and memorialize deceased and charter members of the Yuba City Early Risers Kiwanis Club for their years of dedication to helping the youth in our community. These members are Vern Williams, Don Turano, Del Heffley, Walt Huss, Jim Nunes, Obie Wickersham, Doug Usedom and Barbara Larcom.

These scholarships are reserved for students attending Sutter High School and River Valley High School, the two schools that the ERK Club specifically sponsors and operates Key Club chapters.

The two scholarships are described below. Be sure you fill out the correct application for the scholarship you are seeking:

- 1) **The Early Riser Kiwanis Academic Scholarship** in the amount of \$2000 which is based on academic achievement, community service, and financial need. It is intended for graduating seniors who will be attending a college or university the year after high school.
- 2) **The E.R.K. Vocational Scholarship** in the amount of \$1000 which is reserved for graduating students who are planning on furthering their education after high school by attending a community college or trade school during the following school year. Students must have a cumulative 2.0 GPA. The scholarship will be based on the student's description of their educational and career goals, their school and community involvement, and a letter of recommendation.

Objective of Scholarships:

Applicants must demonstrate a desire to further their education, have a life plan, a desire to make the most of their individual potential, and a commitment to improving the quality of their lives and those in their community.

Requirements of Application:

1. Must be a resident of Sutter County and be attending Sutter High School or River Valley High School.
2. Submit a completed application, essay, and letter of recommendation by the deadline. Transcripts are also to be included by the deadline.
3. Be willing to attend an oral interview, if selected.

4. Be able to provide evidence that the recipient is enrolled in a college, university, or trade school starting on or before the fall of 2023.

Presentation of Scholarships:

Scholarships will be presented to recipients at a breakfast, hosted by the Early Riser Kiwanis Club of Yuba City, in June. (Date to be announced) Family members of the recipients are invited to attend.

Letter of Recommendation Instructions:

Please include a letter of recommendation which explains why you would be a deserving recipient of this scholarship. The letter may come from a teacher, coach, advisor, or employer, but it should not be someone who is a family member.

Transcripts:

A copy of school transcripts and a GPA of 2.0 or above is required, but grades are not the only criteria being considered. Financial need, personal hardships, community involvement, and having a clear life plan will also be considered.

Requirements for Receiving the Funding:

The scholarship will be awarded to the student after proof of enrollment is presented prior to the fall term with at least 12 units of classes. If the recipient is unable to fulfill these requirements, they will forfeit all claims to the funds.

Send Application and Attachments to erickd@franklin.k12.ca.us

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday, March 10th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

No late applications will be accepted. If you are unable to email your application or documents in PDF format, please contact Erick Dahl at the email address above for other options for submitting your scholarship application. You should receive a confirmation email within 24 hours. If not, please follow up with an additional email.

Along with your completed application, remember to include:

1. Letter of Recommendation (not from a family member)
2. High school transcripts

These documents may be scanned or clear photos of them will also be satisfactory.

Thank you for your application, and good luck in all your future endeavors!