

The Leo Ferrell Memorial Rotary Scholarship 2025

The Leo Ferrell Memorial Rotary Scholarship was created by the Marion, Virginia Morning Rotary Club and the Ferrell family in memory of Leo Ferrell. Mr. Ferrell passed away in September of 2009 and was a member of the Marion community since 1962. Two of his primary passions were the game of golf and serving the Rotary Club where he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow in 2008. Mr. Ferrell was also General Manager/Head Golf Professional at Holston Hills Country Club in Marion from 1972 to 1977.

This one-time \$2,500 scholarship seeks to identify and reward a member of a Southwest Virginia high school golf team who exemplifies leadership, academic excellence, sportsmanship, and community service.

Below are selection criteria for this scholarship award in order of importance.

- Academic career (grade point average)
- Essay
- Community service
- Financial need
- Recommendations

Application Requirements/Procedures

1. Applicant must be a senior at a public high school in Southwest Virginia.
2. Applicant must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
3. Applicant must enroll in a two- or four-year college.
4. Applicant must be a member of the high school varsity golf team.
5. Counselor, not the student, is to return entire application, including reference letters to Gregg Ferrell at gferrell1956@gmail.com by April 4, 2025.

The Leo Ferrell Rotary Memorial Scholarship
Part 1
Applicant's Report
(To be completed by applicant and returned to guidance counselor)

Name _____
Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

High School _____

Father _____
Full Name _____ Place Employed/Occupation _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mother _____
Full Name _____ Place Employed/Occupation _____

Address _____
Street _____ City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Applicant preferred email _____

Household income (please check one)

- Less than \$40,000
- \$40,001 - \$70,000
- \$70,001 - \$100,000
- \$100,001 - \$150,000
- More than \$150,000

College(s) Applied

Intended Major

Accepted?

How do you plan to finance your college education? Check all that apply.

- Scholarships
- Loans
- Work study
- Parent's savings
- Student's savings
- Work

Have you applied for financial aid? Yes ____ No ____

Have you applied for, or received, other scholarships? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, please specify amount _____

SAT/ACT score(s) _____

Golf History

Number of years lettered on high school golf team ____

Current golf handicap ____

Golf achievements in and outside high school (i.e., medalist, tournaments won or placed, etc)

Please attach an essay which includes the following information:

- Review of your academic, extra-curricular, and volunteer accomplishments
- Why do you believe you are deserving of this scholarship?
- Discuss your goals for life and tell how you determined those goals.
- Explain the lessons you have learned from the game of golf and how you plan to apply them moving forward.
- What has been the hardest obstacle you have had to overcome in your life? How did you handle it? If you had to do it over again, would you handle it differently? If so, how?
- Where do you see yourself 5-10 years after completing your formal education? Please include your desired occupation

Please provide two letters of recommendation from a non-relative.

Transcript release

I give the high school permission to release a copy of my transcript and to complete Parts 1 and 2 of this application to be submitted to the Leo Ferrell Memorial Scholarship Committee.

Applicant's Signature

Date

I certify that the information given above is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

The Leo Ferrell Memorial Rotary Scholarship
Part II
School's Report on Applicant
(To be completed by guidance counselor and returned with transcript by 4/4/2025)

Student's Name: _____ **High School:** _____

The student who is asking you to complete this form is applying for the Leo Ferrell Memorial Rotary Scholarship. By completing this part of the application, you will assist us in selecting the most deserving candidates.

Requirements for application

- Lettered member of high school golf team for a minimum of one year
- Grade point average minimum of 2.5
- Attendance at a two- or four-year college
- Must carry at least 12 credit hours per semester
- Must begin college in 2025-2026 school year

Criteria for Selection in Order of Precedence

- Academic career (grade point average)
- Essay
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- Recommendations

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This applicant will graduate from high school on: _____
(Month & Year)

Do the applicant's grades place him/her in the upper half of his/her class? Yes No

Applicant's rank, at the end of his/her Junior year , Senior year , from the top in a class of students.

Have you known this applicant in any capacity other than school related? Yes No

Has the applicant shown an outstanding scholastic aptitude of any kind? Yes No
Please explain: _____

What scholastic honors have been attained by the applicant? _____

Has the applicant ever been a serious disciplinary problem, either scholastically or otherwise? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Has his or her attendance record been satisfactory? Yes No

If no, please explain: _____

Has the applicant's studies been seriously affected by outside work, illness, or other factors? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

Please list any community service activities in which the applicant has participated.

Please attach any additional information you feel would be appropriate for this applicant.

May we contact you by phone, and if so, please provide name, number and email address _____

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The Leo Ferrell Memorial Rotary Scholarship
Part III
Coach's Report on Applicant
(To be completed by high school golf coach and returned to counselor)

Student's Name: _____ **High School:** _____

The student who is asking you to complete this form is applying for the Leo Ferrell Memorial Rotary Scholarship. By completing this part of the application, you will assist us in selecting the most deserving candidates.

Requirements for application

- Lettered member of high school golf team for a minimum of one year
- Grade point average minimum of 2.5
- Attendance at a two- or four-year college
- Must carry at least 12 credit hours per semester
- Must begin college in 2025-2026 school year

Criteria for Selection in Order of Precedence

- Academic career (grade point average)
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Have you known this applicant in any capacity other than school related? Yes No

Please provide an example of how the applicant displayed sportsmanship and behavior consistent with the fundamental courtesies and etiquette of the game of golf?

What specific golf achievements have been attained by the applicant?

Please provide why you believe the student should be awarded this scholarship?

Please attach any additional information you feel would be appropriate for this applicant.

May we contact you by phone, and if so, please provide name, number, and email address _____