
2021 Application Process

About the Scholarship

Since its inception in 1916, YWCA Clark County has been dedicated to empowering women, children and families. We have also been dedicated to recognizing the efforts of community members who support our mission through leadership and community involvement.

The mission of YWCA Clark County is to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.

In 1985, YWCA created an awards program to recognize young women for their volunteerism, commitment to community, and leadership. Since then, we have honored 241 students from Clark County high schools for their efforts to build a stronger, healthier, and more vibrant place to live.

This year, we are excited to be able to provide one academic scholarship for a young woman in the 12th grade. Young Women of Achievement Scholarship applicants must identify as a female student enrolled in the 12th grade at a Clark County high school. Applicants will be evaluated on their demonstration of the following:

- Outstanding achievement in volunteer and school leadership roles
- Community involvement in addition to required community service at school
- Demonstrates leadership qualities
- Serves as a role model (based on reference letters)
- Demonstrates commitment to YWCA mission

Application Process

- Fill out the attached application cover sheet (*on pg. 3*) completely and accurately.
- Answer the 3 questions listed at the end of the application.
- Acquire 2 letters of reference.
 - Two signed reference forms (*on pg. 5 & 6*) must accompany the completed application to give the selection committee an expanded picture of the applicant's achievements. This can be done by utilizing the enclosed reference forms OR by sending the following Google Form links directly to your references:
(Reference Form 1: <https://forms.gle/9S1jik4w2GqAgWE57>)-copy & paste link into email
(Reference Form 2: <https://forms.gle/E2bKh7ayHed8ahP69>)-copy & paste link into email
 - *If you use google form link, the responsibility is on you (the student) to ensure your references completed the application. With the google form instead of a signature, **include a copy of the verification email indicating your reference completed the google form in your submitted application.**
 - One of the references must come from a mentor/supervisor who can elaborate on the applicant's **non-school** related accomplishments.
 - Only one teacher may provide a reference. For example, if the mentor/supervisor has been a teacher for the student, then no other teacher reference may be submitted.
- Please verify that your application is complete. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**
- Contact YWCA with any questions regarding the process: 360-906-9109 or for immediate assistance email: ntidwell@ywcaclarkcounty.org
- Return all application documents to YWCA Clark County by 5:00 pm, Friday April 2nd, 2021

Selection Process

The applicants will be selected by a review committee on the basis of outstanding community service, achievement in academic and volunteer roles, and demonstrated leadership. Scholarship winner will be notified via email.

Recognition & Celebration

Scholarship funds will be distributed before August 2021. The selected Young Woman of Achievement will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. The scholarship is generously granted by Soroptimist International of Vancouver.

To Submit Completed Application

1. Use the checklist below to be sure your application is complete.
 - I have completed the application cover sheet (*on pg. 3*) completely and accurately.
 - I have completed 3 questions in response to the topics on the cover sheet.
 - My parent or guardian and I have signed the waiver and signature page.
 - I have acquired *2 signed letters of reference (*2 verification emails)
 - ONE** of the references is from a mentor/supervisor.
 - ONE** of the references is from a teacher, no matter the relationship.
 - The above materials are packaged for delivery to YWCA Clark County.
2. Please submit the application cover sheet, 3 question-answers, and the 2 letters of reference in one final package to YWCA Clark County **via email, mail, or in person**. Documents must be received by 5:00pm on **Friday April 2nd, 2021 to be accepted**.
3. **By email to:** ntidwell@ywcaclarkcounty.org
By mail to: YWCA Clark County
Attn: Nikolas Tidwell
3609 Main Street
Vancouver, WA 98663
In person: 8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Thursday and 8:30am-4:00pm on Friday
Attn: Nikolas Tidwell
**3609 Main Street*
*Vancouver, WA 98663 (*address of YWCA's office in Vancouver)*

All information provided is subject to verification.

False, inaccurate, illegible, or **incomplete applications will be disqualified.**

If you have any questions, please contact Nikolas Tidwell at ntidwell@ywcaclarkcounty.org | (360)906-9109

YWOA Application Cover Sheet

name of applicant: _____

address: _____

phone: _____

e-mail: _____

high school: _____

career/guidance counselor: _____

name of parent/guardian: _____

parent/guardian phone: _____

Questions

Use additional pages to respond to the following 3 questions. Please note:

- *Answers to the below 3 questions must not exceed one typed page per question.*
- *Please use 12 point font.*
- *Number each question-answer accordingly and include your name and school at the top of each page containing your answer(s).*
- *Please use complete names, rather than acronyms.*

1. Describe your volunteer and community activities.

- a. Describe activities that you **ARE NOT** receiving school credit for. Include dates, leadership positions held, time spent (hours/month). Briefly describe your role in each group/organization, how you became involved, and what you have done or helped accomplish.
- b. Describe activities that you **ARE** receiving school credit for. Include dates, leadership positions held, time spent (hours/month). Briefly describe your role in each group/organization, how you became involved, and what you have done or helped accomplish.

2. Explain how you help create change in our community.

- a. Please specifically address your involvement in social issues, interracial communities, global peace, environmental concerns and/or leadership.

3. Write a short biographical sketch.

- a. Tell us about yourself, what is important to you, your hopes and dreams, and why you would like to be chosen to receive the Young Women of Achievement Scholarship.

Waivers and Signature

We certify that all information contained in this application is true and factual. I/We also agree that if the applicant is selected as a Young Woman of Achievement recipient or finalist, YWCA Clark County may use applicant's name and likeness and any other information or materials provided by the applicant in connection with this program, including photos and/or videos of him/her for purposes of news, publicity and advertising in all media including but not limited to print, photographs, video, electronic media, and websites.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

This waiver and signature page must be submitted as part of the complete application packet.

To be completed by YWCA upon receipt of completed application.

YWCA staff signature: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Reference Form 1
Young Women of Achievement Scholarship

Instructions - Applicants REFERENCE must fill in form below.

- Please fill out all your contact information below. Use a computer, or a black/blue ballpoint pen.
- Please answer the questions below to the best of your ability in a one-page letter of recommendation. Attach your letter to this reference form and return to the applicant or nominator **before** the completed packet submission deadline of **5:00pm, Friday April 2nd, 2021.**
- **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**

Reference 1 Personal Information:

your name: _____

applicant name: _____

relationship to the applicant: _____

address: _____

phone: _____

email: _____

questions (for reference 1 to answer)

Please provide at least one specific example with your answers.

1. What are the applicant's contributions to the community as related to YWCA's Mission?
 - YWCA's mission is to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

2. Why do you think this applicant should receive the scholarship?

Note: Applicants will be evaluated on their commitment to making a positive difference, their leadership skills, and their perseverance.

Reference Form 2
Young Women of Achievement Scholarship

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- Please fill out all your contact information below. Use a computer, or a black/blue ballpoint pen.
- Please answer the questions below to the best of your ability in a one-page letter of recommendation. Attach your letter to this reference form and return to the applicant or nominator **before** the completed packet submission deadline of **5:00pm, April 2nd, 2021**.
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Reference 2 Personal Information

your name: _____

applicant name: _____

relationship to the applicant: _____

address: _____

phone: _____

email: _____

questions (for reference 2 to answer)

Please provide at least one specific example with your answers.

1. What are the applicant's contributions to the community as related to YWCA's Mission?
 - *YWCA's Mission is to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.*

2. Why do you think this applicant should receive the scholarship?

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