Jo Ann Ostrander “Spirit of the Volunteer” Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in memory of Jo Ann Ostrander and will honor students who provide several hundred hours of volunteer service annually. Jo Ann Ostrander fought three separate battles with cancer and passed away in 2002 at the age of 56. During her lifetime, she inspired countless groups of people to volunteer and give back to their community. Jo Ann continued to volunteer for church, Boy Scouts and other organizations despite her ailing health. Volunteering meant so much to Jo Ann, that she still managed to volunteer at events just a few weeks before her passing. God, Family and Community were the hallmarks of Jo Ann's life and this scholarship is intended to honor those who embrace volunteerism in their daily lives.

The Ostrander Scholar Society’s Board of Directors will ascertain the monetary amount that shall be given.

This scholarship was created with the thought in mind, that it ought to be a valiant yet worthy honor to procure, rather than just for its monetary value.
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Information and Instructions

You must meet the following criteria to apply:

**Must be a high school senior
**Must complete 150 hours of volunteer service in the previous 12 months OR 250 volunteer hours in the previous two years. Completed hours must be verifiable.
**Recipients must be enrolled in college the semester immediately following high school graduation.
**Scholarship recipients must be attending a college/university that is fully accredited and be actively seeking either an associates or bachelors degree.

1. **You must attach one or two letters of recommendation with your application.**

2. **You must attach documentation to prove hours served.** For example, if you volunteered for a non-profit organization, we would need a letter from an official representative on letterhead that states how many hours you actually served, with timeframes.

3. **You must also submit a written essay of at least 500 words.** The essay needs to focus on this theme: "Volunteerism: Why is this still an important concept in today’s society?"

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions page. If you have any additional questions, you may submit an email to: OstranderScholarSociety@gmail.com or call 307-757-7385. Good Luck!

**When completed, please mail your application and attachments to:**

Ostrander Scholar Society
PO BOX 21063
Cheyenne WY 82003

Your application and attachments must be postmarked by June 30th of each year for consideration!
Frequently Asked Questions

1) Q. I am a former recipient of the Jo Ann Ostrander “Spirit of the Volunteer” Memorial Scholarship. Am I eligible to reapply?
   A. No. Only new applicants are given consideration for selection

2) Q. What is the Ostrander Scholar Society and how are they involved with the scholarship?
   A. The Ostrander Scholar Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that formed for the purposes of providing collegiate scholarships.

3) Q. Will you accept my application if I send it after the deadline?
   A. In order for your application to be considered after the deadline, you must send us a written and signed request for a deadline extension. We must receive your written and signed request before the June 30th deadline. The Board of Directors will review your request and determine if sufficient reasons exist to grant an extension. The Board reserves the right to determine what circumstances constitute reason for granting a deadline extension. Your request may only be submitted via U.S. Mail or fax.

4) Q. Am I required to submit a high school transcript with my application?
   A. No. This is a merit-based scholarship. Selection is based on overall volunteer service.
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Name_________________________________________

Parent(s) Name__________________________________

Mailing Address________________________________

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Phone # (____)__________________________________

E-Mail____________________________________________

Community Activities, Responsibilities and Honors
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Religious Activities, Responsibilities and Honors (if applicable)
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School Activities, Responsibilities and Honors

Special Recognition Received

Hobbies

References (Please provide three (3) references.) Be sure to include the person’s name, address, phone number and email. References cannot be related to you!

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