

## Salida Sunrise Rotary Charitable Fund

PO Box 1044  
Salida, CO 81201

### Sonia Walter Memorial Scholarship Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Sonia Walter Memorial Scholarship. Please read the information below BEFORE completing your application to verify your eligibility for this award. Should you be eligible, please read ALL instructions for completing the application. ALL requested documents must be included to be considered for this award. We look forward to reviewing your application and watching your continued growth.

#### Eligibility

- You are a female student graduating from high school and will attend a technical, community, or four-year college/university. If you receive this scholarship, you can apply to receive it three more times after your first year of studies.
- You **must** have lived within the Salida R-32-J School district for at least 12 months and be able to show proof.
- Your eligibility has everything to do with who you are and not your GPA. Your life and deeds should emulate Sonia's and, as a result, demonstrate what you will be able to accomplish.
- You have been accepted to a post-secondary school and are planning a full course load.

#### About the Sonia Walter Memorial Scholarship

To honor Sonia Walter, this scholarship awards \$3,000.00 to a woman whose life, personality, and values imitate Sonia's.

You can receive this scholarship up to four times: upon graduating from high school and three more times while enrolled in an institution of higher learning. First year recipients receive the \$3000 scholarship award. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> year recipients will receive \$1500 for these years.

Sonia's independence, drive to improve, sensitivity to others, and desire to help those in need, greatly influenced the people she met and the organizations for which she worked. She was a voracious reader, happiest with a 1000-page book that she would read in three days and go back to the library for more.

Her love of gardening knew no bounds. Planting seeds in the spring gave her unending joy. The harvest was time enjoying the results of hard work, patience, and dedication to life. Giving food away was a way for her to show respect to her fellow human beings.

Being on trails in the high country while snow shoeing where no one had been was a fantastic day for her.

She believed that speaking proper English was a sign of a strong mind. She disliked the "Buy Local" bumper sticker and wanted to use a magic marker to add an "ly" every time she saw it to correct the English.

Because of her love of adventure and desire to help others, she joined the Peace Corps and spent 27 months in Africa.

## **YOUR APPLICATION PACKET MUST INCLUDE:**

- Completed scholarship application and Remittance forms**, including this form with each box checked.
- A 250-word signed personal statement** that demonstrates how you are like Sonia and why you deserve this scholarship.
- A 250-word essay** about how a book that you read recently has influenced your life.
- Letters of Recommendation** from three adults, not family members (a counselor, coach, teacher, mentor, and so forth). Please include address, email address, and phone contact for each reference. Use current references (within 6 months).

### **Deadline for Application**

April 14, 2023

### **Please send all forms to:**

Hard Copy:

Salida Sunrise Rotary Charitable Fund  
Scholarship Application  
PO Box 1044  
Salida, Colorado 81201

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