

THE LIONS CLUB OF DAMASCUS

P. O. Box 267
Damascus, MD 20872



VERNON R. SIMPSON SCHOLARSHIP GENERAL INFORMATION

The Damascus Lions Foundation, Damascus, Maryland announces the Vernon R. Simpson Scholarship program for the school year 2025-2026. Three Scholarships in the amount of \$ 2,000.00 will be awarded in the Spring 2026.

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant:

- be a graduating senior who will attend an accredited postsecondary academic institution, accredited vocational, trade or business school (minimum 2 year program) **full time**.
- Must present a complete application package. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**
- Must **live** in the Damascus/Clarksburg school cluster.
- May not be a dependent of a member of the Damascus Lions Club.

Applicants will be evaluated on community service, leadership potential in high school and non-school activities, character, volunteerism & work experience. The decision of the scholarship committee will be final.

The following information is due and must be **received** (not postmarked) on or before April 10, 2026:

Scholarship Committee
Damascus Lions Club
P.O. Box 267
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1. A completed Application for Scholarship Grant (Application Form attached).
2. A High School Academic Transcript, **including total number of community service learning hours, certified by school registrar.**
3. Two (2) letters of recommendations. One (1) recommendation should be from a teacher/instructor, **NOT** a relative; one (1) letter from people who know of your character and community service involvement such as members of community organizations or clubs, **NOT** a school teacher, counselor or a relative.
4. A brief original essay (2 page double spaced) by the applicant that addresses how they have or will work toward the Mission of the Lions Club, which is: To serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs locally and worldwide, encourage peace and promote international understanding.
5. Attach resume that includes academic honors or awards, extra-curricular activities (including leadership roles), community service and employment.

The successful recipients of the scholarships will be announced at the School Awards Ceremony and the Damascus Lions Youth Night. The scholarship grant will be sent to the recipients in July 2026 payable to the college or institution the recipient will be attending.

All scholarship decisions are at the sole discretion of the Damascus Lions scholarship award committee.

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APPLICATION FOR THE VERNON R. SIMPSON SCHOLARSHIP

STUDENT INFORMATION

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Numbers _____

Email _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School _____ Telephone No. _____

Address _____

HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION

Career objective/proposed course of study _____

Signature of Student

Date