



AMELIA RURITAN CLUB
11901 Bridgeforth Mill Drive
Amelia, VA 23002

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Mrs. Sherri Ferrara
Senior Guidance Counselor
Amelia County High School
8500 Otterburn Road
Amelia, VA 23002

Dear Mrs. Ferrara,

The Amelia Ruritan Club would like to present a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a deserving senior who will be graduating this year and is planning to attend college in the fall of 2017. We are requesting your help in getting students from Amelia County High School to apply for this scholarship.

One of the major factors in selection of the student to receive the scholarship is an essay competition. Students completing high school in 2017 are about to embark on the next chapter of their life to pursue their "American Dream". With this in mind, we are asking the students to submit an essay responding to the question, "What do you consider to be the 'American Dream' and what are your plans for achieving it."

In addition to the essay, students must complete the enclosed Ruritan National Foundation Grant Application and Student Profile sheet. We will use the information provided on these forms to help us determine the recipient of the scholarship. You may copy this form as necessary for your students.

All Amelia Academy and Amelia County Public High School seniors who are planning to attend college are eligible to participate in the writing contest. The deadline for submission to the Amelia Ruritan Club is Monday, **March 6, 2017**. I will come to the school to pick up the entries that day.

All student entries should be typed and should contain between 750 and 1,000 words. The student's name should not be on the essay. However, a cover sheet should be provided with the name of the student, name of the school, and a disclaimer signed by the student stating that the student is the sole author, editor and preparer of the essay.

All entries will be judged by a committee established by the Amelia Ruritan Club and will become the property of the Club. The decision by the Club's committee is final. The Club will notify the author of the winning essay as directed by the rules of the National Ruritan Foundation.

This scholarship will be paid directly to the college that the student plans to attend. It is a locally awarded scholarship sponsored by the Amelia Ruritan Club and the National Ruritan Foundation.

Ruritan National Foundation Grant Application

Answer all sections. If a section does not apply, write N/A in the blank.

Name _____

Club Name Amelia Ruritan Club District Appomattox

Permanent Address

Phone Number () _____ Marital Status _____

Name of Parents or Guardian _____

Address _____

Occupation _____

To what college(s) have you applied? _____

Have you been accepted by a college? _____

If not, when do you expect to receive notification? _____

Have you applied for other financial aid? _____

From whom? _____ Amount _____

Have you applied for or do you expect to receive a PELL or other government grant or loan? _____

Amount of PELL or other government grant or loan _____

Are there unusual circumstances that merit your receiving financial aid? Please explain below. Attach additional sheets if necessary:

List other dependents in family:

Name	Age	School, Occupation	Marital Status
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Statement of Applicant: I understand and agree to the terms under which the financial aid is provided as set forth herein. I understand that I may re-apply for financial aid but that if I fail to maintain standards acceptable to the Trustees and the sponsoring Ruritan Club, or if I should be put on probation by the college, continuance of my financial aid will be subject to review:

Date: _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date: _____
Signature of Applicant

ALL INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL. THE STUDENT SHOULD ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS, SIGN & RETURN TO THE AMELIA RURITAN CLUB.

Student Profile

Student's Name _____

School:

List clubs and offices held and sports or other activities you are involved in.

Community:

List all civic activities you are involved in.

Church:

List all activities you are involved in.

If additional space is needed please continue on back.