

The Rains Foundation

Rains Foundation Scholarship Application

***The Rains Foundation is a charitable organization dedicated to the memory of and to the principles championed by Lyndon Rains.**

I, _____, a graduating senior
at _____, wish to apply for the Rains Foundation
Scholarship for the Academic Year _____ in order to further my education at an
accredited university or college.

Applicant Signature: _____

Terms

Amount-This is a one time \$2,000.00 award.

Grade Requirement-The applicant must have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Athletics- The scholarship will take into account that a fully rounded individual poised for success in the business and academic worlds needs an active mind and physical vigor to promote mental clarity. The Rains Foundation Trustees believe, as Lyndon Rains did that golf is the premiere to combine challenging aspects of physical discipline and athletic and mental vigor as expressed in the attached descriptions of the benefits of involvement with the game of golf.

Application-All applications must be complete and submitted to Guidance by May 1 of the graduation year.

Decision-The decision of the committee, which consists of Rains Foundation trustees, is final and will be announced at graduation.

Personal Information

Name: Last _____, First _____, MI _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Hobbies and Interests: _____

College Choice: _____ Major: _____

Essay: On a separate sheet of paper, in approximately 250 words, discuss your educational and life goals and your commitment to their successful completion.

The Game of Golf

Why do we play Golf? The game of golf provides the greatest competition in all of sports- it pits the player against themselves. Its challenge is a challenge of perfection on every shot and every shot creates a memory to compare the next shot with. Our brain retains every effort, every success, and every failure only to recall them whenever a new challenge occurs.

Why do golfers Love the game? The game entices the beginner with small successes and gives hope of perfection on every shot. See it plays on short term memory of both success and failure as one successful shot cradles us like a warm blanket and failures are easily blamed on other elements such as Mother Nature.

Why do golfers hate the game? Patience is the evil doer, the game requires it. If you are not a patience person, then this game tortures you. It requires focus and waiting, it requires calmness and calculation. Emotional reaction is your enemy and your friend.

What does the game teach us? The game is complete with standards and rules, it requires etiquette and discipline. The history of the game dictates appropriate dress and style. Certain behavior is scrutinized and honesty is desired. The rules are self monitored and self enforced. Honor is attained and glory achieved, not only by the success we might have but most importantly how we respond to failure.

Why do some golfers become expert and others settle for mediocrity? Golf is a game for all ages, abilities, and desires. It is fierce competition for some and escapism for others. It provides social interaction, yet breathes competition at every instance. Its rewards are self set to meet whatever goals each individual player sets for themselves. In other words, achievement is a target and the target moves to meet the desire of every player.

Finally, golf ignites the senses! Our eyes view the courses that we play within nature's beauty and our mind visualizes the perfect shot over and over again. Our ears hear nature's sounds, but focus is drawn to the sound of a well struck shot or the fear from a shout of "FORE" from an opposite fairway. Our bodies feel the warmth of the sun, the coolness of the wind, but remember the vibration of a perfectly struck shot!

So, what is this game of golf? Golf is game that flexes to meet the desires of its players and offers rewards at every attempt to reach perfection.