

## Willamette Valley Road Runners

### Sponsors of the

### Kelsy Oldham Memorial Scholarship

**\*\*Application must be postmarked by Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

Kelsy Oldham was a 12-year competitive runner and good student when she died in a motor vehicle accident on her way to compete in the Junior Olympics in Idaho in 1997. Her mother died in the accident as well. In Kelsy's memory 2 scholarships have been established in her name, each for \$2000. Those eligible are mid-Willamette Valley High School Seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in academics, running, and leadership. These individuals should be a team player who has participated in either cross-country or track and field while in high school. Each candidate will be scored on leadership, strengths and weaknesses, financial need, athletic contribution, positive attitude, perseverance, ability to motivate others, academics, and attendance (both in school and in their sport).

1. Scholarships will be awarded to the **2 highest scoring graduating seniors** who plan to attend a 2- or 4-year college or university.
2. The applicant must meet the minimum academic requirements for college/ university admission.

The following items should be mailed by the applicant together in ONE packet, and **must be postmarked by Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Things to keep in mind...**

\*All paperwork (except the official transcript) needs to be **single sided**. Do not double-side anything. If the transcript comes double-sided, that is OK.

**\*Do not staple** your paperwork together

**\*Do not fold** your paperwork into a teeny-tiny square. The less unfolding that has to be done, the better!

#### **Required Paperwork:**

- **The Biographical Data Page** filled out legibly
- **An official, current transcript.** This must be signed by the school Registrar. Transcripts that are printed from Synergy without the signature of the Registrar do not count. You will receive 0/5 points for the "grade" section of the application. Surprisingly, over 50% of the transcripts are done incorrectly. And no, your parent cannot sign it in lieu of the registrar! Plan ahead, and get an official transcript from the registrar. **In 2023, 100% of the transcripts were done CORRECTLY!** 😊
- **A typed and signed essay** which includes a description of all extra-curricular and community service activities; examples of your leadership skills; future plans (college desired, degree sought, etc.); a personal assessment of your strengths AND weaknesses; financial need/ hardship (what might be unique about your situation); athletic participation/ accomplishments.
- **3 letters of reference.** Each needs to be typed or legibly written, signed, and must accompany your application. **1 reference** needs to be from a high school teacher; **1** from your **high school cross country or track and field coach**; and **1** from another adult (who is not related to you). For example, a pastor, employer, scout leader, community service supervisor, or a 2<sup>nd</sup> teacher).
- Please put all materials together in the **order** listed above (Biographical Data page, Official Transcript, Essay, 3 letters of reference).

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- Recipients are chosen by a committee of 5 WVRR members. They use a scoring system based on your academics, personal essay and letters of recommendation.

3. If you have any questions email Elisabeth Saxe at [saxonrunner@gmail.com](mailto:saxonrunner@gmail.com)