

# MONTANA ROYAL RANGERS HAMLIN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## **BACKGROUND**

In September of 2001, a scholarship fund was established by a friend of Montana Royal Rangers in order to honor and enhance the further education of the top Royal Ranger boys each year in the Montana District. Consequently, in September of each year since, Ranger of the Year evaluations have been administered following the District staff meeting to determine the recipients. Award funds for the top achievers have then been set aside, to be used within 3 years of high school graduation using the following formula: 50% to the top Adventure/Expedition Ranger, 40% to be divided among other qualifiers, and 10% remaining in the fund to accrue interest. In 2008, however, National Royal Rangers temporarily suspended Ranger of the Year evaluations for 5 years. Beginning in September 2009 the following changes are to be followed:

## **STEPS TO FOLLOW**

- 1) Local outposts are strongly encouraged to select Outpost Rangers of the Year. The top 3 Adventure /Expedition boys in each outpost are then to be given applications for the Hamlin Scholarship Fund. They are to be completed and sent to the Montana District Royal Ranger office, along with an individual photograph in class A uniform, no later than July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. The application will determine by points- the Ranger's development in the categories of Mental, Physical, Social, and Spiritual growth. Please include the ROTY point sheet for the appropriate age group found at [www.royalrangers.ag.org](http://www.royalrangers.ag.org).
- 2) The applications will be reviewed by the Award Committee, consisting of the District Commander, Ranger of the Year Coordinator, and 2 additional committee members. They will be responsible for determining the top 3 scholarship contestants. These contestants will be notified by August 15<sup>th</sup>, along with an invitation to appear before the committee in mid-September.
- 3) These top Rangers will be introduced to the District Staff at the beginning of the Friday night staff meeting, then sent out on a special adult-supervised mission together. On Saturday morning, they will appear before the Award Committee to test their Bible skills, have their uniform inspected, and be required to give a 5-10 minute presentation on a predetermined Royal Ranger topic. Points will be added to their application scores for their uniform, Bible skills and presentations. Following the evaluations, the committee will meet to decide 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places (50%, 25%, and 15%) respectively.
- 4) Results will be communicated to the District office for public relations and setting aside of funds. The local church is also to be contacted and encouraged to acknowledge the Ranger boys' accomplishments.
- 5) Funds are to be distributed upon request from the District office at any time in the 3 years following high school graduation.

## **APPLICATION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Outpost #** \_\_\_\_\_

**“I recommend this Royal Ranger for the Hamlin Scholarship Program. He has been a regular attendee in our local outpost and endeavors to live by the Royal Ranger Code.”**

**Pastor's signature-** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sr. Commander's signature-** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_