



The Reid Adler Memorial Kindness Scholarship

This scholarship has been established to honour the initiative, commitment, enthusiasm and example of Reid Adler, a 9th Grade student at Ralston High School who took his own life in 2016 after being the recipient of bullying, manipulation, and intimidation. Reid Adler was a friend to everyone and was the kind of student who would give others a lift each day especially if you were down. Reid was an includer and never wanted anyone to be left out of anything. Reid Adler lived each day with a kind, gentle, and caring heart and he spread his kindness to friends and strangers alike. Although Reid did not set out each day to spread kindness it was amazing how his caring and empathetic personality infected everyone around him. Reid loved having fun and lived his life to the fullest. Reid's examples of kindness were both small and large. Reid would include multiple friends on football trips, he was the life of the party, and he would share his kindness in small ways like a smile, hello in the hallway, a hug on a bad day, holding the door open for strangers or a bad joke in class. Reid was a kind soul and our world lost an ambassador of kindness on January 7, 2016. The Reid Adler Memorial Kindness Scholarship was established to honor Reid and his kind and outgoing personality for many years to come and encourage and recognize actions and a vision of Kindness at Ralston High School.

Criteria for the Scholarship:

The intention of this scholarship fund is to recognize an exceptional Ralston High School graduating senior, inspired by the vision of a kinder world and committed to making a difference, with a scholarship to assist them in furthering their education.

It is the hope of the Adler Family that the recognition of our recipient's important work will inspire them to continue to be involved in similar initiatives through their post-secondary years and into adult life.

Recipient Profile:

- You are inspired by the vision of a kinder world and have the character and commitment to undertake wholeheartedly a project that will create a positive impact in the community, locally or globally.
- You have demonstrated your commitment to positive action, contribution or raising awareness in past activities.
- You inspire others, not only through your actions, but by being who you are.
- You are compassionate, aware, wise, open-minded, imaginative, and creative or innovative.
- You understand the value of education, recognizing that a well rounded person embraces learning opportunities inside and outside of school.
- You personally strive for excellence, but maintain a healthy greater perspective in your pursuit of it that allows you to experience life and its joys.
- You are committed to kind acts both large and small and you live each day without hate and negative retribution.

The scholarship Award:

Scholarship: The recipient will receive a scholarship of \$1000.00 to assist in their post-secondary education. The scholarship funds will run through the Ralston Schools Foundation and be paid in two \$500.00 installments directly to the student once successful progress is certified in the Fall and Spring semesters of the recipients first year of post-secondary education.

The “Pay it Forward” Opportunity:

Each scholarship recipient will also be awarded \$250.00 to create a project or make a donation to helping spread kindness or support for others. A one page or less summary of the “Pay it Forward” opportunity is required before payment of the \$1,000 scholarship award.

Application Process and Deadlines:

Applications should be post marked on or before March 31st of each year

Required Application Documents

- Completed Application Form
- Resume
- Ralston High School Transcript
- Pay It Forward Kindness Initiative Proposal (One page or less)
- Personal Statement (One page or less)
- Two letters of Support in sealed envelopes (Have the letters reference how you have spread or encouraged kindness)

Send completed applications to:

Counseling Office
Ralston High School
8969 Park Drive
Ralston, NE 68127



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APPLICATION

A. General Information

Please read the following instructions, print, and complete the application. The information requested should be typed or printed legibly. DEADLINE: Applications must be postmarked no later than midnight March 31st of each year. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered. This Scholarship is only available to students graduating from Ralston High School

Date: _____

Name: (First)_____ (Last)_____

Post-Secondary Plans or Institution you Plan to Attend

Phone: Home._____ Cell _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____

B. Proposed Pay it Forward Kindness Initiative

Please provide details about your proposed “Pay it Forward” kindness project. Include details about your project and how you hope that it will spread kindness to others or support a needed cause. Feel free to attach a separate document in place of writing below.

C. Community/Project Involvement

List any projects you have been involved with that will demonstrate your commitment to kindness and compassion.

Date	Initiative	Nature of Work

D. Personal Statement

Please write a concise statement (One page or less) using the following prompt: Based upon the criteria outlined for this scholarship, how have you given back or spread kindness at Ralston High School or within the Ralston Community?

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