



## Lion Walt James Scholarship Application

*To be eligible you must be a resident of Castaic, Santa Clarita or Val-Verde, and a graduating Senior*

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Please complete all sections of the application. **Your Application Packet must be postmarked on or before July 12, 2024, or it will not be considered. No Exceptions.**

### The Story of Walt James

Walt became an early member of the Castaic Lions Club that was chartered in 1954. Walt was always giving back to the community and his membership in the Castaic Lions Club was his way of doing that. He had served the Club in many capacities, including the presidency. He was extremely proud of the many programs Castaic Lions Club supported. One of the programs which was most important to Walt was the Scholarship program for deserving local students graduating from High School and heading off to college.

Walt was a decorated World War II veteran, flying 26 missions as Lead Bombardier/Navigator, based in England. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal of Honor.

Walt was the founder, architect, builder and General Manager of the newly formed Indian Dunes Motorcycle Park in 1969. He transformed 600 + acres adjacent to Castaic, along the Santa Clara River into a premier motorcycle and dune buggy racing facility which opened June of 1970 and remained in operation until 1985.

Walt loved racing and he was President of the Western Racing Assn (WRA), racing older Sprint Cars and Midgets. Walt built a track for WRA in 1992, and it was named WALT JAMES STADIUM in his honor. Every year since, on Thanksgiving weekend, Walt and his wife Dottie hosted the WALT JAMES VINTAGE GATHERING and this tradition continued until his passing away on September 9, 2009, at the age of 86.

### Section 1 – Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Section 2 – Academic Information

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Which Colleges and/or Universities Have you applied to:

Name	Have you Been Accepted
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Section 3 –Activities and Interests

A. List and briefly describe your high school extracurricular activities (e.g. memberships in organizations, sports, etc.):

Organization Involved	Position Held	Date of Involvement

Brief description of your responsibilities:

B. List and briefly describe volunteer activities in which you have been involved:

Organization	Activity	Date of Involvement

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOW YOU PARTICIPATED:

C. LIST HONORS OR ACADEMIC AWARDS YOU HAVE RECEIVED (E.G. SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES, RESEARCH, ETC.):

Award/Honor	Institution/Organization	Date

**D. LIST AND BRIEFLY DESCRIBE ANY WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Position	Employer	Dates of Employment

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR WORK RESPONSIBILITIES:**

## ESSAY

YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS IN PROVIDING US WITH YOUR ESSAY. THE FIRST OPTION IS TO FILL OUT THE QUESTIONS BELOW. YOUR SECOND OPTION IS TO USE THE QUESTIONS BELOW AS A GUIDELINE, AND PROVIDE US WITH A TYPED ESSAY AND DISCUSS EACH OF THE QUESTIONS. THE TYPED ESSAY IS TO BE NO LONGER THAN TWO (2) PAGES, AND THE FONTS ARE TO BE NO SMALLER THAN 12 POINT, PREFERABLE IN TIMES NEW ROMAN.

### Section 4 – Essays Questions

A. Where would you like to be Five (5) years from now?

B. How do you feel that the Schooling will prepare you for success, both in your intended major and in general?

C. How will your college education help you interact with the community, when you graduate?

D. Is there any other information that we should know about you? This is your opportunity to include information that is not contained in other areas of the application. Please be specific.

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### **Submitting your application**

Please submit the following to be considered for the Chapter scholarship:

1. Completed application form
2. Letters of recommendation from your high school faculty or counselor
3. **For counselor use:** Please submit a copy of the applicant's transcript.

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**Return applications to:** Castaic Lions Charity Foundation

P.O. Box 312

Castaic, California 91310

Please direct any questions to Lion George Kezios by:

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