

Deadline Approaching on GHCF Scholarships

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - A deadline is fast approaching to apply for college scholarships from the Grays Harbor Community Foundation. "It's not too late to apply for a scholarship!" says Cassie Lentz, Program Officer of the Grays Harbor Community Foundation. The deadline for applying for both new scholarships and renewing your previous award is March 15th and applications are available at all Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties high schools, GHC, or on the Foundation's website: www.gh-cf.org. Continuing the tradition begun in 2000, last year the Grays Harbor Community Foundation received nearly 349 applications and awarded 235 yearly scholarships ranging from \$1,000-\$6,250. "This year we are pleased to be able to award even more scholarships," Lentz added. Grays Harbor Community Foundation Scholarships are available to students who graduated from a Grays Harbor or Pacific County high school and are residents (or are dependents of parents who are residents) of Grays Harbor or Pacific County. Some of the scholarships were established to provide scholarships for students graduating from a particular school, attending a particular college or university (such as Grays Harbor College), or for a particular field of study (such as medicine), but many of them are limited only by a few general requirements.

Lentz says: "One of the unique features of many of the Community Foundation Scholarships is that they are open to students at any level of post-secondary studies, and are available to those who wish to return to school or start school after a time in the work force. We also have no restrictions on school or field of study." In fact, the Community Foundation has broadened its horizons of support by offering Vocational Scholarships that are designed for students pursuing something other than a traditional four-year degree. Anything from Culinary School to Automotive Programs qualify for Vocational Scholarship funding. There is just one application to be considered for all GHCF Scholarships. The minimum requirements simply stated are: applicants must enroll as a full-time student (12 credits minimum) at an accredited college, university or trade school, and are more likely to be considered if they have earned a *cumulative* grade point average of 3.0 (or its equivalent B average). Beyond meeting these basic requirements, each applicant should exhibit outstanding character, a proven work ethic, and the promise of useful citizenship. These more qualitative judgments will be based on the applicant's personal essay, letters of recommendation, and other information provided through the application. All previous recipients may request renewal by letter and transcript *each year* to continue receiving a scholarship (for up to four years). Many of the named scholarships are in memory of local leaders and citizens, but some were established as perpetual memorials for family members. If you have any interest regarding applying for a scholarship, making a donation to an already existing scholarship or setting up a scholarship, please contact Cassie Lentz at (360) 532-1600, cassie@gh-cf.org or P.O. Box 615, Hoquiam, WA 98550.