



Mary Whitmore Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mary Whitmore lived in Sequim for many years, and was an active volunteer and supporter of many charitable organizations across Clallam County. C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Student Advocates), an organization particularly important to Mary, supports youth in foster care. She wished to 'give back' to the local community, and established a scholarship fund specifically to help graduating high school students who have been raised in foster care or alternative non-parental living arrangements.

Fund goals:

This scholarship fund is intended for graduating high school seniors who need financial assistance to pursue either a post-secondary education, or learn job skills at a vocational or technical program. Scholarship monies may be applied toward tuition, books, and room and board expenses, and is distributed directly to the school or training program. The hope is that this assistance will help the students fulfill their dreams and goals.

Application Eligibility:

To be considered for the Mary Whitmore Memorial Scholarship, students must:

- Be on track to graduate from a high school in Clallam County by June of current year
- Have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.0
- Plan to enroll by the fall after graduation at an accredited College / University / trade or vocational school
- Be a United States Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Residential Living Status: Student must be in any of the following living situations:
 - Washington State Foster Care system
 - Family Foster Care with non-relative adults, or with non-parental relatives
 - Residential / Group Care Home
 - Dependency Guardianship
 - Other (contact Olympic View Community Foundation re: eligibility)

Other factors which may be considered are:

- Academic achievement
- Community service
- Extracurricular activities (ex. music, sports, etc.)
- Personal achievement
- leadership demonstrated
- goals and aspirations
- quality of recommendations

Scholarships awards will range between \$1,000 and \$3,000.

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Required Documents:

- Transcript: unofficial transcript from your high school, showing grades through fall/winter of senior year and cumulative GPA
- Documentation of your foster care dependency Court Order, reflecting current placement situation, or signed documentation of other non-parental dependency living arrangement. Contact OVCF with questions about documentation needed.
- Letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or counselor
- Letter of recommendation from your Wash. State social worker (if applicable)
- Copy of FAFSA Confirmation and estimate of eligibility for federal grants / student loans (if available)
- (Optional) Scholarship notebook, if available

Application Deadline:

Submit your application to the scholarship counselor in your school district by March 27th of your graduating year. Scholarship applications are available through the high school scholarship counselor or by contacting OVCF at (360) 797-1338 or info@ov-cf.org. A signed original (hard copy) plus an electronic version of the application (in Word) should be submitted to your high school counselor. The selection committee makes its decisions by the end of April, and recipients are notified by June. The scholarships are paid to the students' schools after confirmation of enrollment—usually in September.

If you need assistance, OVCF encourages you to contact the scholarship counselor at your high school.

Scholarship renewals for Year 2:

Scholarships may be available for a second year; students must contact OVCF no later than June 30th following completion of their first year's education to inquire about possible renewal. Renewal is not guaranteed. Eligibility criteria would include a minimum first year GPA of 2.5 with submission of a sealed transcript, documentation of continuing financial need, and submission of a progress report for Year 1.

Contact info for C.A.S.A. Program Coordinator (for students in Wash. State Foster Care)
Clallam County Juvenile Services (main phone 360 565-2621):

Valerie Brooks
1912 W. 18th St.
Port Angeles, WA 98363
(360) 565-2644 direct line
vbrooks@co.clallam.wa.us

Note: if a student has difficulty getting info from their social worker, the C.A.S.A. office would be able to provide foster care dependency records.

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Biographical Information

(Please type or print)

Name _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Preferred Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

I certify that all the information provided in this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature **Date:**

High School attended: _____ **Dates:** _____

Name of Counselor: _____

Counselor's email: _____ **Phone:** _____

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Instructions for Written Portion of this Application

Please type your responses to the questions below; a limit of 4 pages is recommended. If some questions are not relevant, please indicate N/A (not applicable) – do not leave any questions blank. Provide estimates for financial data if you don't have specific information at this time. Submit updated info to OVCF when possible.

1. Describe any volunteer, community service, and/or paid work experiences over the past four years. Include your job title, role, number of hours worked and length of time worked or volunteered.
2. List major awards and honors you have earned, either in school or in extracurricular activities.
3. Briefly state your career/ life goals, and how this scholarship will help you attain them. Include the area of interest you will pursue in your education, if known.
4. Briefly summarize your history as a foster youth, or details of time spent in non-parental living situations. Include general time periods, number of different placements, locations, and current placement/ dependency status.
5. What is the name and address of the school or training program you plan to attend?

This school is (please check the appropriate description):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public four-year college | <input type="checkbox"/> Private four year college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public community college | <input type="checkbox"/> Public technical college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational school | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trade School | |

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What is the degree or certificate you expect to earn? _____

When do you expect to complete this program? _____

Type of housing you expect to utilize while in school:

____ On-campus dormitory

____ Off-campus housing

____ Live at home and commute

____ Other: _____

Have you applied to and been accepted by this college or school? Yes No

Have you completed the FAFSA? Yes No

Have you applied for financial aid through your college / school? Yes No

Have you received any other educational financial aid? Yes No

(For students in Wash. State Foster Care System): Is your eligibility for financial aid (for post-secondary education) restricted from the State of Washington, due to your dependency status or type of school selected? Please explain.

Expected cost of school attendance per year:

Tuition \$ _____

Fees \$ _____

Room & Board \$ _____

Supplies \$ _____

Transportation \$ _____ ?

Total expected Cost \$ _____

Scholarships/grants awarded by college/program: \$ _____

Financial Aid (for Foster Youth)
expected from State of Washington \$ _____

Estimated Federal student aid (per FAFSA) \$ _____

Total Assets available for educational expenses: \$ _____

Total Need (cost less scholarships/available assets) \$ _____