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North Thurston Education Foundation Scholarship Program

The North Thurston Education Foundation (NTEF) established a scholarship program to provide funds for North Thurston Public Schools (NTPS) graduates who will attend post-secondary schools, including vocational or trade schools, colleges or universities.

NTEF awarded 29 scholarships in 2017 valued at approximately \$104,000. The scholarship program includes designated named endowed scholarships and Foundation funded scholarships. Each scholarship has a minimum value of \$2,000 and each NTPS high school will be receive at least one scholarship each year. Some scholarships are renewable from year to year

A completed Scholarship Application packet is required to apply for any scholarship. Please review the application instructions carefully. Only complete applications that are timely submitted with all required documents will be considered. Late or incomplete applications will be disqualified.

Applications will be available on-line (www.ntef.org) in January 2018. Completed applications are to be submitted to the school counseling/ career centers or mailed to NTEF on or before the April deadline

General Application Process and Criteria:

The following application process and criteria is applicable for all NTEF Scholarships:

1. The applicant shall be a graduating senior of a high school in North Thurston Public Schools.
2. The applicant shall have demonstrated skills necessary to succeed in the chosen post-secondary school.
3. The applicant shall have demonstrated good citizenship and leadership qualities.
4. The applicant shall demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

Required Support Documents:

1. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation: One from a teacher or counselor that documents scholarship, leadership and citizenship qualities and potential for success in post-secondary education; and one from a member of the community who is not an employee of the school district.
2. Submit a short essay in response to the question on the application.
3. Submit an official sealed transcript.
4. Submit the first page (only) of your FAFSA Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR), provided by the Federal government.
5. Submit completed application, and all documents, to your school counseling center or by US mail by the deadline.

Incomplete or late applications will be disqualified.

SPECIAL NAMED/ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Charles E. Callahan Educational Scholarship

The Charles E. Callahan Educational Scholarship was established in memory of Charles E. Callahan, the first superintendent of the North Thurston School District. Mr. Callahan was passionate about providing a quality education to all students and building a strong school district dedicated to educational excellence. The amount of this one-year scholarship is \$2,500. Preference is given to a student who is pursuing a career in the field of education.

Lisa Corwin Memorial Scholarship

The Lisa Corwin Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Lisa Corwin, a graduate of North Thurston High School, and provides a \$1,250 one-year scholarship, with potential renewals of \$1,250 a year for three additional years (for a total of \$5,000) upon evidence of continuing success in college. Priority is given to applications to colleges/universities **OUTSIDE** of the 13 Western states. (Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico).

Davies Vocational-Technical Scholarship

The Davies Vocational-Technical Scholarship was established as a memorial to Violet Davies, a former high school teacher. The scholarship is funded by Violet Davies' generous bequest, and is awarded to a graduate who will be pursuing post-secondary vocational-technical studies

John Gott Education Scholarship

The John Gott Educational Scholarship was established in honor of Dr. John Gott, former Superintendent of North Thurston School District upon his retirement in 1991. The one-year scholarship provides \$1,000 with potential renewals of \$1,000 for three additional years (for a total of \$4,000) upon evidence of continuing academic success. This scholarship is intended to support the education of a graduating senior who is pursuing a career in education.

Lewis R. Hawthorne & Edna C. Hawthorne Scholarships

These scholarships were established by a bequest from the estate of Lewis R. Hawthorne and Edna C. Hawthorne, Lacey residents whose nephew and niece taught at North Thurston High School and Timberline High School, respectively. Pursuant to the terms of their bequest, each year four scholarships will be awarded: two to a graduating senior from North Thurston High School and two to a graduating senior from Timberline High School. These scholarships are intended for students who, without the scholarships, are at a greater risk of not pursuing post-secondary education.

Each school will receive a scholarship awarded to:

1. a student attending a four-year college or university. This scholarship will be awarded to support the recipients' first year at an in-state public institution and includes tuition and mandatory fees.
2. a student attending an in-state community college who is enrolled in a course of study leading to an associate's degree or a specialized technical certificate requiring two years to complete. In order to receive the second-year award, the student must be making satisfactory progress toward an associate's degree or completion of the two-year certificate program.

Jeannette Hostetter Ford Memorial Scholarship

The Jeannette Hostetter Ford Memorial Scholarship was established in honor of former teacher, Jeannette Ford. This one-year scholarship provides \$2,000 to support the education of a graduating senior who intends to pursue a career in education or history.

James Koval Memorial Scholarship

The James Koval Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Dr. James Koval, former superintendent of the North Thurston Public Schools to recognize his leadership and service to the district. The one-year scholarship provides \$2,000 to a graduating senior for post-secondary education.

Frank Parker Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established as a memorial to Frank Parker. A true renaissance man, Parker was a US Navy pilot, electrical engineer, musician, lover of outdoor pursuits and great raconteur. As owner of Parko Electronics, his creativity and superior problem solving skills enabled him to contribute to the success of NASA's Apollo Project. (Some of the parts he designed are currently resting on the moon as part of the Apollo landing.)

This scholarship is for a student who intends to pursue coursework with a math or science focus who will attend a two or four-year college or university. The scholarship is for \$2,000 but with evidence of success each year, the scholarship is renewable for \$1,750 each year for 3 years, to total \$7,250.

Roy Pedersen Memorial Scholarship

NTEF established a Pedersen Memorial Scholarship in memory of Dr. Roy Pedersen, former associate superintendent in North Thurston Public Schools, to recognize his vision and leadership in creating the Foundation. At least one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded annually.

Dr. G. Sue Shannon Scholarship

Dr. G. Sue Shannon was one of the founding members of NTEF and the first Executive Director, serving in that position for 27 years. Upon her retirement, NTEF established the Dr. G. Sue Shannon to honor her vision, years of dedication and commitment to NTEF. At least one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded annually.

Nicholas T. Walker Scholarship

The Nicholas T. Walker Scholarship was established in 2017 by Carol and James Brewer in memory of their son, Nicholas T. Walker. Nick was a 1984 graduate of Timberline High School who died tragically in a boating accident in 1986. While attending Timberline High School, Nick played soccer, basketball, and golf. An avid fisherman and photographer, Nick was also interested in journalism and fish and wildlife.

This \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior from North Thurston Public Schools. Preference will be given to a Timberline High School applicant who shares Nick's interests in journalism, photography, or fish and wildlife. Secondary consideration will be given to an applicant from River Ridge High School who shares these interests. Absent an applicant from a high school who shares these interests, the scholarship shall be awarded to an eligible graduating senior.

Alex Ward Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established as a memorial to Alex Ward, whose career as a student in the North Thurston Public Schools began in kindergarten at South Bay Elementary, continued through Chinook Middle School and culminated at North Thurston High School. Alex was an outstanding athlete and a friend to all.

This scholarship may be used for any certified post-secondary course of study, vocational or academic. The initial scholarship shall be for \$2,000. With evidence of success each year, the Alex Ward Memorial Scholarship is renewable for \$1,750 a year for three additional years, to total \$7,250. This scholarship is only available to graduating seniors from North Thurston High School. Primary consideration will be given to individuals who participated in sports while at NTHS and demonstrated good leadership qualities.

10 TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION SUCCESS

The best advice for students seeking scholarships is outlined below:

1. Start Early! Applications, essays and letters of reference all take time.
2. Have another person proofread all submission materials.
3. Visit the admissions office(s) at the college(s) of your choice; or talk with one of its representatives.
4. Ask questions!
5. Read all application directions carefully—don't make assumptions.
6. Be sure that your essay fully responds to the essay question.
7. If there are irregularities in your grade transcript or your financial need, EXPLAIN them, e.g. our family moved across country, a close friend/relative passed away, you became very ill, etc.
8. Help scholarship reviewers know *you* as a person.
9. Make sure your application is tidy, typed is better. Contact information should be complete and legible.
10. Be sure your application is complete and all necessary documents are included. An incomplete or late application will not be accepted.