

# The Learning Seed Scholarship

## Overview:

The Learning Seed Scholarship Fund was established by the Learning Seed Foundation to assist high school seniors in Thurston and Pierce County in obtaining a higher education. This scholarship is designed to benefit students of color who have overcome significant obstacles and demonstrate a commitment to others.

## Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

1. Selection of award recipients shall be based on a combination of financial need and merit.
2. Financial need shall be assessed using the completed Student Aid Report (SAR) which takes into consideration current family income, accumulated assets, family size and number of family members in school. If no SAR is available, please submit a written essay describing the student and family's financial situation.
3. Merit is determined using the following factors:
  - ◆ Demonstrated academic ability: A student need not be at the top of his/her class, but must have demonstrated a capacity to succeed in school. Students who have achieved a General Education Degree (GED) are eligible to apply.
  - ◆ Extracurricular Activities/Community Service: Volunteer projects and active participation in school, church and community activities, which indicate a commitment service.
  - ◆ Obstacles: Special circumstances such as family, financial or personal problems, which may make an applicant more worthy of consideration.
  - ◆ Life Experience: A student's voluntary or paid work experience.
  - ◆ Career Goals: An indication of how the scholarship contributes to future career goals.
  - ◆ Applicant Appraisal: Two letters of recommendation of which one must be from a teacher/advisor and one from someone who can comment on a student's overall character, achievement and promise.
4. Awards shall not generally exceed \$1,000. This limit is simply to minimize the displacement of other financial aid given to the student from other aid resources (state, federal or institutional).

## 2009 APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Deadline: Friday, April 24, 2009, 5 p.m.**

When completing the application form, please keep the following points in mind:

1. Name: Use your proper name in the same order as listed on the form.

2. Address: All correspondence will go to your mailing address unless you specify a temporary address (at school for example) with valid starting and end dates. Without dates, all mail will go to your permanent address.
3. Telephone Numbers: Please provide an alternate telephone number whenever possible.
4. Two or four-year institution: Applicants must have already been accepted for admission to a vocational school, community college, or four-year institution.

**Personal Statement** - Write a short statement indicating your reasons for wanting to continue your education, course of study and your career goals. Include other information that will show the Committee you are a worthy grant recipient (e.g. outstanding attributes, talents, service to school or community, commitment to pursuing educational goals, motivation and family circumstances).

**Transcript of Grades** - Include a copy of your most recent transcript or ask the last school you attended to send a copy to The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound, Attn: The Learning Seed Scholarship Fund, 111 Market ST NE, Suite 375, Olympia, WA 98501.

**Recommendation Forms** - Include the completed recommendation forms, one from a school teacher, advisor or administrator and the other from an employer, a church official or community member.

**Test Scores** - Include results of PSAT/SAT and/or ACT tests taken.

**FAFSA** - Include copies of the complete Student Aid Report.

One original plus two copies of the complete application should be submitted by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 24, 2009. Late applications will not be accepted. Please contact The Community Foundation at (360) 705-3340 if you have any questions.

# LEARNING SEED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadline: Friday, April 24, 2009 by 5:00 p.m.

Date of Birth: ____/____/____		Sex: _____	(check one) _____	Caucasian
Name: _____			_____	African-American
First	Middle Initial	Last	_____	Asian-American
County of Residency: _____			_____	Latino- American
			_____	American Indian
			_____	Other
Email _____ (please print clearly)				
Mailing address : _____				
Street		City	State	Zip
Phone No.: (____) _____		Alternate Phone No.: (____) _____		
Temporary Address: _____				
Street		City	State	Zip
Temporary Address Effective: From: ____/____/____ To: ____/____/____				
Temporary Phone No.: (____) _____				

High School: _____	Expected Graduation Date: _____	
Vocational school, Community College or University you are planning to attend: Choice 1: _____		
	Name City	
Choice 2: (if any) _____		
	Name City	
Major: _____	Degree: _____	Expected Graduation Date: _____

**ALL the following items must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2009. Collate and submit one original and one copy of the complete application. Do not use binders, report covers, folders or staples.**

- ◆ This Application Form
- ◆ Copy of Student Aid Report from the FAFSA
- ◆ PSAT/SAT/ACT scores
- ◆ 2 recommendation forms
- ◆ Grade transcript
- ◆ Personal statement

Please mail to The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound, Attn: Learning Seed Scholarship Fund, 111 Market St. NE, Olympia, WA 98501

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

Parent/Guardian: (if under 18 years) \_\_\_\_\_

**Do not write below this line – For official use only**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Notes: