

Griffin School Foundation

Cody Brown Memorial Scholarship



The Cody Brown Memorial Scholarship program:

- Is sponsored by the Griffin School Foundation in cooperation with The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound.
- Recognizes the achievements of Griffin School graduates.
- Awards scholarships for any type of post-high school education or training.

Applicants must:

- Be a former **Griffin School** student who attended a minimum of two years at Griffin School.
- Be a high school senior in a public or accredited private high school in Thurston County as of September of the application year.

Scholarship awards are determined by using the following factors:

- **Demonstrated academic ability:** Applicant must have a **minimum accumulated GPA of 3.0**. Student need not be at the top of his/her class.
- **Extracurricular Activities/Community Service:** Volunteer projects and active participation in community and/or school activities that exemplify a commitment to excellence.
- **Career goals:** An indication of how the scholarship might contribute to future career goals. Please identify your areas of interest and how you have prepared yourself to enter this field of study.
- **Mentoring:** Demonstrated ability to be a mentor or “encourager” to peers.
- **Applicant Appraisal:** Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a teacher/advisor, and one from someone who can comment on a student’s overall character, achievement, and promise.
- **Stability:** Length of attendance at Griffin School.

What can this scholarship be used for? Scholarships can be used for any type of education or training beyond high school. The award will be made upon verification of enrollment in the student's choice of an accredited college, university or vocational institution.

How many scholarships are available and how much are the scholarships worth?

One Cody Brown Memorial Scholarship is awarded per year. For 2009, the award will be \$1,000. The scholarship will be awarded at the Griffin School Promotion Ceremony in June.

When is the scholarship application deadline?

The application deadline is **Friday, April 24, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.**

Applications will be sent to Thurston County area high schools beginning February 2009.

NOTE: Members of the immediate families of any Scholarship Committee members are eligible to apply with the provision that the related family member not serve on the committee during the year in which the application is considered.

HOW TO APPLY

Who May Apply: Any Griffin graduate who is graduating from a Thurston County High School with an accumulated GPA of 3.0 and will attend any form of accredited post high school training or education.

Instructions:

Complete all parts of this application form and submit with the other required materials by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the scholarship. Packet must include the following:

1. Enclose a one or two page essay about yourself. Address the following:
 - Tell us about your personal life story and experience; include extra-curricular and community service activities that show your commitment to excellence and mentoring abilities.
 - Explain your long-term goals, chosen area of study (if known) and how education will help you achieve your goals. Discuss what you have done or will do to prepare yourself for your particular field of study.

It is recommended that you review scholarship qualifications and requirements then incorporate your eligibility and qualifications into your written essay.

2. Enclose an additional page listing personal, extra-curricular and/or community service activities.
3. Enclose **two** letters of recommendation from current or former teachers, employers, or community members (not family members). Ask individuals who know you well to address the following points when they write their letters of recommendation:
 - What is your assessment of this applicant's qualification for this scholarship?
 - Discuss the applicant's demonstrated contribution to the community or classroom. Include specific examples of mentoring, encouraging, unifying.
 - Include any more information you consider relevant to this scholarship.
4. Enclose a transcript through the first semester of your senior year. Please check with your high school records office to ensure sufficient transcript processing time in order to meet the deadline for application.

Application must be received by **5:00 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2009**. Send to:

The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound
111 Market Street NE, Suite 375
Olympia WA 98501
(360) 705-3340 fax (360) 705-2656

GRIFFIN SCHOOL FOUNDATION
CODY BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Application Form 2009

Cody Brown was a Griffin Elementary School fifth grader when a tragic accident took his life. Cody was a dependable student, an athlete, a musician, but mostly he was a great person of promise. Through this application process, we hope to get to know how you embody the character Cody would have become.

Years in attendance at Griffin School _____ to _____

Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____ Sex ____
First M.I. Last

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone Number: (____)____-____ Alternate Phone number (____)____-____

High School: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

College or other training program you are planning to attend:

Choice 1: _____
Name City State

Choice 2: _____
Name City State

Major: _____ Degree: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

The following items must be received at The Community Foundation by 5:00 p.m. on **April 24, 2009**.

- This Application Form
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Grade Transcript
- Essay

Send one set of application materials. Do not use binders, report covers, or folders and send only the information requested. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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 _____ Date Reviewed by Scholarship Committee _____
Years at Griffin verified by: _____

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Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

To Whom It May Concern:

Based on our previous application review, we have found the letter of recommendation is a **very important** component of the scholarship packet. The packet already contains the student's transcripts, an essay from the student, and details of their qualifications. The letter of recommendation should provide information that describes who the student is and how they exemplify the qualities we are looking for when choosing the scholarship recipient.

We are looking for a portrait of this applicant's character, examples of their contributions, interaction with others, and a report on their promise for the future based on their performance in the present.

Cody Brown was a Griffin Elementary School fifth grader when a tragic accident took his life. Cody was a dependable student, an athlete, a musician, but mostly he was a great person of promise. He had a conciliatory attitude and worked for the underdog. Through your letter, we hope to get know how your applicant embodies the character Cody would have become.

Thank you,

Selection Committee