

NEXT STEP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

For graduating seniors from Avanti, Olympia or Rainier High Schools

Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 27, 2012.

Deliver or mail to:

The Community Foundation, 212 Union Ave. SE, Ste. 102, Olympia, WA 98501

Overview:

The **Next Step Scholarship** is established for the purpose of assisting students planning to pursue a vocational career*. One (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship will be offered annually to an Avanti, Olympia or Rainier High School senior who will be pursuing vocational training after graduation.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria:

- Graduating senior from Avanti, Olympia or Rainier High Schools
- Cumulative GPA between 1.75 and 2.75
- Preference will be given to a student(s) who performs well over time or has steadily improved.
- Acceptance into a vocational program at a two-or four-year college, university, trade school or other acceptable provider
- Exhibits a positive attitude, the willingness to learn, and an ability to follow directions.
- Demonstrates a strong potential for successful program completion
- Exhibits a strong school attendance record

Application Instructions and Guidelines:

- 1) A **Next Step Scholarship** application must be received by Friday, April 27, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Late applications will not be considered.
- 2) A complete application includes one original and one copy of the following:
 - a) application form
 - b) current grade transcript
 - c) attendance profile
 - d) two (2) letters of recommendation (do not have to be from teachers)
 - e) Personal statement—Include a short statement indicating career and personal goals, employment history (if applicable), why you have selected this particular career path, and how completing your chosen course of study will impact you. Feel free to include additional information that may help us make our decision.

Please do not use binders, report covers or staples.

* Examples of vocational careers: dental hygienist, truck driver, beautician, nursing, legal secretary, computer technician. Examples of exclusions: physician, architect, veterinarian, attorney, CPA.

Direct questions to The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound,
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