

Griffin School Foundation

Tiernan–Keigher Scholarship

The Tiernan–Keigher Scholarship program:

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

Applicants must:

- Live in the Griffin School District boundaries OR attend Griffin School.
- Be the equivalent of an 8th grade student in a public, home–schooled, or accredited private school as of September of the application year.

Scholarship awards are determined by using the following factors:

- **Demonstrated academic ability:** Academic ability is one aspect of selection criteria. However, a student need not be at the top of his/her class, but must have achieved an **accumulated GPA of 2.8**.
- **Financial Need:** This is a need–based scholarship and an applicant’s financial resources will be taken into consideration.
- **Extracurricular Activities/Community Service:** Volunteer projects and active participation in community and/or school activities that exemplify a commitment to excellence.
- **Personal/Education goals:** An indication of how the scholarship might contribute to future education goals. Please identify your areas of interest and how you might prepare yourself to enter this field.
- **Service:** Demonstrated ability to be helpful to others such as leadership roles, citizen and community involvement, good friend or family member (i.e. chores).
- **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.

What may this scholarship be used for? Scholarships may be used for any type of education or training beyond high school subject to the following. The award will be placed in an account in the name of the scholarship winner and held in trust until verification of student’s enrollment in an accredited college, university or vocational institution. In the event that recipient fails to enroll in a higher education program or meet the minimum criteria during their high school years, the funds held in trust will revert back to the ownership of the Griffin School Foundation.

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

One scholarship is awarded per year. For 2012, the award will be \$2,500. The scholarship will be awarded at the Griffin School Promotion Ceremony in June.

Academic Requirements during 4 years of high school to maintain award:

The recipient will be required to maintain an overall GPA of 2.8 during their high school years and submit a written annual form as requested by the Foundation.

When is the scholarship application deadline? The application deadline is **5:00 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2012.**

Application must be mailed or delivered to: Griffin School Foundation, c/o The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound , 212 Union Ave. SE, Ste. 102, Olympia WA 98501.

Applications should not be sent to Griffin School.

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: Applicants must live in the Griffin School District boundaries OR attend Griffin school and be the equivalent of an 8th grade student in a public, home-schooled, or accredited private school as of September of the application year. Applications will be available March 1st 2012 at the Griffin Office or at www.griffinschoolfoundation.org

Instructions:

Complete all parts of the application form and other required materials and submit by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered for the scholarship.

Application packet must include the following:

1. A one-page essay about yourself. Quality of written work is considered. Address the following:
 - Tell us about your personal life story and experience; include extra-curricular and community service activities that show how you are helpful to others.
 - Explain your goals, areas of interest and how education will help you achieve your goals. Discuss your plans for high school on how you will prepare yourself for your future.

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

2. Two letters of recommendation One from a current or former teacher and one from a personal contact such as employer, coach, community member or member of your extended family (not a parent or sibling). 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 service to others.
 - Include any additional information you consider relevant to this scholarship.
3. Completed application form.
4. A copy of your Middle School transcript or equivalent. Please check with your school records office in order to meet the deadline for application.
5. Statement of Need written on a separate sheet of paper. *This will be strictly confidential!* Please write a brief statement indicating how this award will help you reach your goal of higher education. Tell us why you need this scholarship more than others.

Application must be received by **5:00 PM, May 18, 2012**. (Postmark is not sufficient). Please deliver or send to:

The Griffin School Foundation c/o
The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound
212 Union Ave. SE, Ste. 102
Olympia WA 98501
(360) 705-3340

GRIFFIN SCHOOL FOUNDATION
TIERNAN-KEIGHER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Academic Year 2012

Date of Birth _____/_____/_____ Sex _____

Name _____
First M.I. Last

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone Number: (____)_____-_____ E-mail Address: _____

Current School: _____

High School planning to attend:

Choice 1: _____
Name City State

Choice 2: _____
Name City State

Expected High School Graduation Date: _____

Do you qualify for the free or reduced lunch program? (*kept strictly confidential*) Yes No

The following items must be received at The Community Foundation by **5:00 PM on May 18, 2012**

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

Send one set of application materials. 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: _____

Do not write below this line—for official use only

Date Received _____ Date Reviewed by Scholarship Committee _____

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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 contains the student's transcript, an essay from the student, and details of their qualifications. The letters 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 your view of this student's promise for the future.

Thank you,

Courtney Schmitt
Selection Committee
Griffin School Foundation