

Whatcom Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Distribution

Your scholarship money will be paid by the end of August. Checks will be made payable to the college with your name and student number listed on the memo line. Included with this check will be a letter to the financial aid office of your college emphasizing our intention that the award be used to help reduce your financial need and not replace other grant assistance.

To receive your award, please follow these instructions and comply with the deadlines indicated:

- Please make sure we have a current email address on file for you.
- Please notify your financial aid or scholarship office that you have received a scholarship through Whatcom Dollars for Scholars.
- Your school may not apply your entire scholarship to the current term. Each college handles this differently, so please check with your particular college's financial aid office.
- Your scholarship payment will NOT necessarily be paid out in a manner that coincides with your tuition due date. We recommend that you prepare for the possibility that you may have to pay for your tuition in full to meet your tuition deadline. In addition, once we receive all of the required documentation for disbursement of your scholarship, it may take a few weeks to process your scholarship check. Then, your school may take a few weeks to process the check on their end. **Please plan ahead and allow for this time.**

Your scholarship cannot be distributed until we have received the following:

- A completed and signed **Scholarship Response Form** (p. 2) This was sent to you in May with your award letter.
- A **personal Thank-You Note to your scholarship donor**. This was due in May and notes should be given directly to Whatcom Community Foundation. We then forward the notes on to the donors.
- **"Accept"** your scholarship online. Use the username and password you created when applying for scholarships.
- Make sure we have your student ID# on file. You should have filled this information out on the Scholarship Response Form, however, if you didn't have the information available this spring, you need to be sure to contact our offices. Your student ID# ensures that payment is made to the proper student account at your university.

Rotary Club of Bellingham Foundation Scholarships only, send the following letters to Whatcom Community Foundation (see contact info above):

- A first letter describing your educational experience at the conclusion of the year of study funded by the Rotary Club of Bellingham Foundation Scholarship
- A second letter describing educational and occupational status five years after award of this scholarship.

The Rotary Club of Bellingham encourages its members to provide mentoring opportunities for scholarship recipients during and after a recipient's post secondary education. The Club will attempt to match students and mentors upon request. Recipients are encouraged to visit one or more Rotary Club of Bellingham meetings in order to meet individual Club members. The Club may also request that a recipient attend a Club meeting. Please email scholarships@whatcomcf.org if you are interested in these mentoring opportunities.

If you do not intend to use your scholarship, please notify selmendorf@whatcomcf.org as soon as possible. Your help with this is greatly appreciated as it will make a scholarship possible for the benefit of another great student!

Direct questions to: selmendorf@whatcomcf.org or 360-671-6463