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DOLLARS for SCHOLARS

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Students, please read this important information *before* logging in:

We encourage you to make sure your profile is as complete as possible but please do not be concerned about reaching that 100% mark! Pay close attention to the following steps, because they will not be listed on the web pages as you fill out your information.

1. Your application is a multi-step process:
    a. Fill out your student profile by visiting www.whatcom.dollarsforscholars.org and clicking on the Parents/Students tab.
    b. Search for scholarships and click "submit" for each different scholarship in order to be considered.
    c. Some scholarships require additional essays or references. Review those requirements early and allow for the time it will take to include the necessary information prior to submitting your application.
2. Begin filling out your student profile at any time.
    a. Whatcom Dollars for Scholars offers **county-wide** scholarships as well as scholarships targeted for Bellingham School District and Ferndale School District students
    b. Scholarships will be **posted on January 23rd 2017**.
3. Request your transcript information from the Counseling Secretary in the Guidance Office at your school.
    a. If you are a **Squalicum High School Student**, request your transcript information from Mrs. O'Brien, the Career/Vocational Guidance Assistant: Cindy.OBrien@bellinghamschools.org
    b. If you are a **Ferndale High School Student**, request your transcript information from Mrs. Yale, the Registrar: cathy.yale@ferndalesd.org
4. Personal recommendations must come from your high school counselor, teacher or administrator. Please let your reference know you are planning to ask for a recommendation and that the request will come to them via email. (They may need to watch their junk/clutter mail folders for requests.)
5. All students (including Running Start) applying for 2017 Whatcom Dollars for Scholars Scholarships must select "Senior in High School" as their current grade level.
6. Scholarship Awards Committee members can only consider SAT scores when scoring your application, so please make sure you enter your best SAT scores. Please note: when entering the score for the **optional** additional essay on the SAT, add all three scores together. If you did NOT take the SAT, enter your best ACT scores and please contact Shannon at selmendorf@whatcomcf.org.
7. **Financial Information:** Parents or emancipated students should **select the FAFSA option** and use the **EFC** as the financial aid source when filling out financial information. Students will be asked to enter the email address of a parent or guardian. That parent will then receive an emailed request that he or she create a username and password which will then enable him or her to log into the website and enter financial information for the student.
8. You will be asked to answer two main essay questions in the student profile. Please keep your answers brief, and limit your essays to a **100 word maximum**.

If you experience technical difficulties with the website, look for the gray "Support" button on the left-hand side of the page. Any additional questions should be directed to selmendorf@whatcomcf.org.

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