

Whatcom Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Details

Your scholarship money will be paid late summer/early fall. 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 note: we may send important communications regarding your scholarship to you using the email address you used to apply for our scholarships. 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 tuition in full to meet your tuition deadline.

Deadline #1: May 9, 2017: Scholarship Awards Night at Bellingham High School 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. (Family members invited!) This event is extremely important to our program and every scholarship recipient is expected to attend.

- Write a personal Thank-You Note to your scholarship donor and bring it to the awards event on May 9th. There will be a **box labeled Thank You Notes near the nametag table**. Indicate the name of your scholarship on the outside of the envelope so that we can be sure to get it to your scholarship donor.
- Log in to www.whatcom.dollarsforscholars.org and “**Accept**” your scholarship online. Use the username and password you created when applying for scholarships. You will not receive your scholarship payment (in August) unless this step is completed.

(If you are unable to attend the awards event, please contact Shannon ASAP at selmendorf@whatcomcf.org)

Deadline #2: June 2017 and beyond for Rotary Club of Bellingham Foundation Scholarships ONLY

- You will be invited to attend the Rotary Club of Bellingham Foundation Scholarship Awards Club Meeting, which will take place on a Monday in early June. (Invitation to follow in the mail)
- A first letter (sent to Whatcom Community Foundation) describing your educational experience after the year of study funded by the Rotary Club of Bellingham Foundation Scholarship.
- A second letter (sent to Whatcom Community Foundation) describing your 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 Shannon at 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!

Keep this page for your records.

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