

The Gift of Giving Foundation Community Service Scholarship Application

Eligibility Guidelines

To be eligible, scholarship applicants must have participated in a leadership role in community service work or volunteer activities. They must also meet the following criteria:

- Be a high school senior at either Shorecrest or Shorewood Schools in the Shoreline School District.
- Have earned the President's Volunteer Service Award at the Silver or Gold level (minimum of 175 hours) in a 12-month period that touches on their junior or senior year in high school.
- Plan to continue their education in the fall following their high school graduation at an accredited school of advanced education (two-or-four-year college or university, or vocational-technical school, etc.)

The Children of Board and Advisory Board members of the Gift of Giving Foundation are ineligible to receive a scholarship.

What the Scholarship Review Committee looks for in an Application

- Students who have demonstrated self-motivation, leadership, creativity, dedication and commitment in pursuing their service.
- Students who have shown themselves to be role models who exemplify an extraordinary commitment to volunteering.
- Students who have made a conscious effort to involve and inspire others to participate in community action.
- Students whose activities impacted a socially, economically, or culturally isolated area.
- Students whose activities created sustainable change in their community, nation and/or the world.
- Students whose service has surpassed what is ordinarily expected of a socially responsible person.

Grade point averages, SAT scores, and school club memberships are not considered in the selection process.

How to Apply

To apply, please submit the following:

- **A completed application**
- **An essay and/or project that describes what you have learned or experienced through your community service or volunteer work and how you will apply that learning to your future education and/or career?** (Please feel free to use whatever medium you desire in this portion of the application. Alls forms of expression will be accepted and are encouraged.)
- **Two letters of reference** - These letters should be from people who know you through your community leadership and participation. Please have reference letters mailed directly to The Gift of Giving Foundation at the address presented below.
- **Student Reflection:** If selected, scholarship winners must agree to write a short essay for our newsletter that describes something they learned about themselves from their service.

Please send your application form and essay/project directly to The Gift of Giving Foundation at:

**The Gift of Giving Foundation
P.O. Box 65139
Shoreline, WA 98155**

All materials must be postmarked **no later than March 15.**

Applicants will be notified of their selection or denial by **April 15.**

ALTHOUGH WE WISH WE COULD HONOR ALL APPLICANTS, WE MUST LIMIT OUR SCHOLARSHIPS TO FOUR PER YEAR. HOWEVER, OTHER SOURCES FOR FINANCIAL AID THAT REWARD VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE CAN BE FOUND AT:
www.finaid.org/otheraid/service.phtml

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Applicant Data

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Current School: _____

Father/Male Guardian name: _____

Address: (if different) _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Mother/Female Guardian name: _____

Address: (if different) _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Where are you planning to use your scholarship? (Please include a copy of your acceptance letter to that school, if you have already applied and have received your acceptance)

Community Service Activities: (Please list all community service activities you have participated in during your specified 12 month period. Indicate dates of participation and number of hours spent per activity. Please mention any positions of leadership. If space in this section is inadequate, you may attach additional sheets of paper.)

Verification

I certify that the information included in my application is true and accurate in all respects and that I intend to continue with my education by pursuing classes from an institution of higher education. I understand that if selected, the awarding of funds is contingent upon my enrollment in an accredited institution, and that the funds will be paid directly to the institution and used toward the cost of my education.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date