



2012 Community Foundation Scholarship Application and Instructions

For:

Arts Alive! Scholarships
Marselino "Eddie" Aragon Dollars for Hispanic Scholars Scholarships
Sam Chuenchit Soccer Scholarships
Deason Scholarship
Fort Lupton Community Scholarship in memory of F. Acre/J. Tenorio
Judd K. Fulton Memorial Scholarships
Betty J. and George W. Hall Family Fund Scholarship
Mildred Hansen Scholarships
Kathy Hanson Memorial Scholarship
Lynne and Gladys Hopkins Family Scholarship
Leoma Hunter Scholarships
Alison Jo Jenkins Memorial Scholarship
Kristopher G. Mansfield Memorial Scholarship
Jean Meyer Martin Scholarships
Carl Mason Family Agriculture Scholarship
Doc Patterson Scholarship
Dr. John A. and Patricia C. Rosales Memorial Scholarship
The Highland Community/R. Lee and Rebecca Seward Scholarships
Lynn Shipps Scholarship
Marvin Stonemets Scholarship
Weld County Builders Scholarships
M.C. Widmaier Family Nursing Scholarship
Windsor Harvest Festival Scholarship
Winograd Family Fund Allied Health Scholarships
G.E. Wood Memorial Scholarship
Wolf Scholarships

**PLEASE READ THROUGH THE ENTIRE PACKET
PRIOR TO COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION.**

Deadline: Thursday, March 15, 2012



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Community Foundation?

The Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County has been working to improve the quality of life in Weld County since 1997. It is an organization dedicated to encouraging and managing the philanthropic efforts of individuals and organizations in Weld County. Since 1997, the Community Foundation has awarded over \$1.5 million in scholarships to students.

What is the Community Foundation Scholarship Application?

The Community Foundation offers a variety of scholarships to provide resources for a range of educational opportunities including accredited vocational schools and two- and four-year colleges/universities. The Community Foundation Scholarship Application allows you to apply for several different scholarships using one application and submitting one set of application materials (additional copies are required). All Community Foundation scholarships **require an application, two letters of reference/recommendation; a current transcript of grades including class rank and ACT scores (or GED certificate of completion); a personal statement and a copy of the FAFSA Student Aid Report or Tax Form 1040. You will be required to submit five (5) copies plus the originals (6 total) of every item except the transcript of grades and the FAFSA Student Aid Report or Tax Form 1040.**

How are eligibility requirements determined?

Scholarships are available through the Community Foundation thanks to the generosity of donors who have established scholarship funds. Each donor determines the eligibility criteria of their scholarship. Scholarships may focus on academic achievement, academic potential, community service or financial need. *Please note: Applicants who are current employees or members of the Community Foundation's Board of Directors or who are related to employees or members of the Community Foundation's Board of Directors are not eligible to apply; this includes applicants that are a child, stepchild, grandchild, great grandchild, spouse, brother, sister, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of any employee or member of the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation Serving Greeley and Weld County.*

What if I am not a "straight A" student?

The Community Foundation offers scholarships for a variety of students. While academic performance is important to the scholarship advisory committees, it is not the only criteria for scholarship applicants.

What if I am not sure where I will be going to school?

If you are unsure, you should indicate your first and second choice. Once you have made your final decision, please notify the Community Foundation.

May I apply for more than one scholarship?

By completing the Community Foundation Scholarship Application, you will automatically be included in any scholarship pool for which you are eligible.

How much will I receive if I am selected as a recipient?

Awards for each scholarship vary depending upon the criteria. Scholarships range from \$500 to up to \$5,000, with the average award being \$1,000. Please see specific scholarship information for award amount on our website at www.cfsgwc.org/scholarships.

How many scholarships does the Community Foundation award?

Community Foundation scholarships are awarded from endowment funds. The scholarships we award are dependent upon the investment market. The number of scholarships awarded will vary from year to year.

Do I receive a check if I am awarded a scholarship?

No. All scholarship checks are made payable to your school and go directly to your school's financial aid or scholarship office. There is no exception to this rule. Checks are sent to schools in August upon receipt of necessary paperwork and other verification requirements provided by you or the school.

Are scholarships taxable?

For degree-seeking students who use the scholarship for qualified tuition and related expenses within the meaning of IRC § 117(b)(2), it is not taxable. The Community Foundation recommends that you and/or your parents consult a tax expert or your school's financial aid office for advice.

If I receive a scholarship one year, will I automatically receive it the following year?

No. While a few scholarships are renewable, others are one-time only. Each scholarship varies; please visit our website at www.cfsgwc.org/scholarships for scholarship specifics.

Does the Community Foundation make the decisions about who is awarded?

Each scholarship fund has an advisory committee who makes recommendations to the Community Foundation Board of Directors for their approval.

Will my personal information be shared?

No, your application information will not be shared with anyone except Community Foundation staff and the advisory committee. Financial information (SAR or 1040 form) will be held at the Community Foundation and will not be shared with the Scholarship Advisory Committee. Please mark out all but the last four digits of your social security number if it appears on any of the documents you submit with your application.

When will I be notified?

All applicants are notified in writing of the status of their application by the end of April. The Community Foundation hosts a scholarship reception in May to present a certificate to the winners and also give the students a chance to meet living donors.



Other awards available NOT using the CF Scholarship Application

Please check with your school counseling office for other scholarship opportunities.

Peschel Memorial Scholarship Fund

Designated for: A graduating senior from Valley High School who is pursuing additional education in an agriculture major.

College Enrollment: Any accredited two or four-year college or University.

Other Criteria: Must be a member of the Valley FFA Chapter and have completed the program of agricultural education at Valley High School.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000.

Application Information: The application is available in the counseling office at Valley High School or the Valley H.S. Ag-Ed Department and is due by April 5th.

SasonsFund Scholarship Fund

Designated for: One student from Greeley Central High School, Greeley West High School and a third student from Wasson High School.

College Enrollment: Any accredited four-year University.

Minimum GPA: 3.0

Other Criteria: Must be active academically and athletically.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,500.

Application Information: The application is available on the Community Foundation website or the counseling office at each of the three high schools. Please check with the counseling office at each high school for the deadline submission date.

Winograd Family Fund Scholarships

Designated for: One student from Greeley Central High School, Greeley West High School and a third student from Northridge High School.

College Enrollment: Any accredited Colorado two or four-year college or university.

Minimum GPA: Must be in upper 40% of graduating class.

Special Preference: All qualifications being equal, preference shall be given to a member of a minority group.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,200.

Application Information: The application and deadline is available at the counseling office at each of the three high schools.



Application Instructions

We recommend you send your application and all of the supporting documents to us in one envelope. Please be sure to mark each item with your name and do not use staples.

- 1. Application** (pages 6-8) (please include the original plus 5 copies; a total of 6)
Applications must be complete to be considered. **Do not staple documents.** Make sure all pages include applicant's name. All correspondence will go to the address you specify on your application.
- 2. Letters of Recommendation** (visit www.cfsgwc.org/scholarships for tips on writing effective letters of recommendation) (please include the originals plus 5 copies; a total of 6)
Provide two letters of recommendation limited to one page each. Additional letters will not be considered.
 - One letter from a teacher, coach or academic advisor (non-family member);
 - One letter from a work or volunteer supervisor, a youth leader or personal acquaintance (non-family member and not from a teacher, coach or academic advisor).All letters must be signed and dated. Photocopies are acceptable.
- 3. Current Transcript of Grades, Class Rank and ACT Scores or GED certificate**
All applications must include a current official high school transcript **including class rank and ACT scores** in an official and sealed envelope. If you have received your GED, include your certificate of completion. If you have taken college courses, an official college transcript must also be included for all work completed. Photocopies and copies from the Internet are unacceptable.
- 4. Signed and Dated Personal Statement** (please include the original plus 5 copies; a total of 6)
Include a typed statement (double-spaced up to two pages). In the statement, you should include:
 - A brief history about your background including information about your family influences.
 - Your life goals and what you hope to achieve.
 - Describe how you have been a positive role model in your school or community and your plans to incorporate service and volunteerism into your immediate future.
 - Who or what has been the biggest influence in your decision to pursue additional education in your chosen field? Why?
 - Describe any special circumstances that may affect your family's ability to pay for college (medical, divorce, unemployment, child support, other).
- 5. Financial Need**
If you applied for federal financial aid, enclose a copy of all pages of your 2012-2013 Student Aid Report (SAR). For more information, see www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you did not apply for federal financial aid, enclose a copy of the first two pages of your parent's or guardian's most recent Federal Tax Form 1040 (or your own if you are not a dependent). Please note: this information will be held at the the Community Foundation and will not be given to the Scholarship Advisory Committee.
- 6. Application Checklist**
Your completed packet should include:
 - A completed and signed application form (pages 6-8) (please include the original plus 5 copies; a total of 6)
 - Two (2) letters of recommendation limited to one page each (please include the originals plus 5 copies; a total of 6 per letter)
 - Signed and dated personal statement (please include the original plus 5 copies; a total of 6)
 - Include an OFFICIAL copy of the required transcript including class rank and ACT scores (or GED certificate of completion) (original copy only)
 - FAFSA Student Aid Report or Federal Tax Form 1040 (original copy only)



2012 Scholarship Application

Applicant Contact Information

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Permanent Address: _____
Street City, State Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of High School/College last attended _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Ethnicity: _____ College/Univ./Voc. School Student ID#: _____
(if known)

Education

 Education Institution you plan to attend in the fall of 2012:

1) _____
(First choice – Name)

2) _____
(Second choice – Name)

Intended major/minor(s): _____
(ex: Biology, Elementary Education, Accounting)

Intended career: _____
(ex: Physician, Elementary school teacher, Accountant)

Household/Financial Information

If you applied for federal financial aid, enclose a copy of all pages of your 2012-2013 Student Aid Report (SAR). For more information, see www.fafsa.ed.gov/ or if you did not apply for federal financial aid, enclose a copy of the first two pages of your parent’s or guardian’s most recent Federal Tax Form 1040 (or your own if you are not a dependent).

Please list any grants or scholarships you have applied for or received for the upcoming academic year.

Applied: _____

Received: _____

Required Signatures

I certify the information provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. I certify that I am not related to any individual employed by the Community Foundation or anyone who sits on the scholarship selection committees for the scholarships for which I am applying. I understand this application is subject to verification by the Community Foundation at its discretion.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Applicant's Name: _____

Student Resume

Please use the form provided below. Other forms will not be considered.

Awards and Honors

Choose the three *most* important awards/honors you have received during high school. Briefly explain what the awards/honors are and what they are given *for*, elaborate on why you received them, and identify their significance.

Award/Honor	Date(s) Received	Award/Honor Received From (list an organization):
What is it? Why did you receive it? Significance? Additional information.		

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School Involvement

Choose the three *most* significant school-related activities (including athletics, music, clubs or theatre) in which you have participated during high school. Elaborate on what they are specifically and how they have played a role in your intellectual and personal development.

Activity	Honors, Positions Held, Letters earned	Dates of Involvement	Hours per Month
What is it? How has it played a role in your intellectual and personal development?			

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Community Involvement

Choose the three principal community activities in which you are or have been involved. Elaborate on what the community activities are specifically, the role they played in your personal development, and the role you played in contributing to the success of the activity. Please provide a name and phone number of someone we can contact to verify your involvement.

Activity	Org. Contact	Positions Held	Dates of Involvement	Hours per Month
What is it? What role did it play in your personal development? What role did you play in contributing to this activity?				

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Employment

Beginning with your present or most recent job, list your last three paid work or business experiences.

Employer	Position	Dates of Employment	Hours per Month

To what use have you put your earnings from employment **OR** if you have not been employed, briefly explain why?
