



2026

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Underscoring all our scholarships is the belief that education is a tangible and long-term investment in the people shaping Kitsap's future. These scholarships originate from many different funds at Kitsap Community Foundation, established by individual donors, families, and civic organizations.



OUR MISSION IS TO BE A CATALYST FOR THE GREATER GOOD.

Kitsap Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization, working with donors and others to invest in our region's nonprofit organizations to foster a more vibrant Kitsap Peninsula for the benefit of all.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Applications for 2026 Scholarships will be accepted from January 1 - February 28, 2026 with some exceptions:

- ▶ Danford & Frances Moore Engineering Scholarship – Open January 1 – May 1
- ▶ Judge Chavelle Scholarships – Open May 1 - 31
- ▶ Marie A. Barker Teaching Scholarship – See page 8
- ▶ Orchard Foods Scholarship – Open January 1 - March 31

With the support of the Foundation and its donors, I am able to achieve my goals and will soon be on my way towards caring for and healing our community. For that, I am eternally grateful. Thank you so very much, from the bottom of my heart!



TO GET STARTED

Visit **WashBoard.org** for deadlines, award notification dates, and information about how award funds are paid.

APPLY ONLINE at **WashBoard.org**.

Please complete the application and upload the required documents before the deadline.

If you have questions, please contact us at **scholarships@kitsapfoundation.org**.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY OVERVIEW

Scholarship Opportunities	Need Based	Merit Based	Field Specific	School Specific
Alan & Ellen Newberg	✓			Kitsap Cty
Bill & Sandra Walgren	✓			Kitsap Cty
Bremerton High School "Pay It Forward"	✓			BHS
Charles & Dorothy Martell Family Music		✓	✓	Kitsap Cty
Danford & Frances Moore Engineering	✓	✓	✓	SKHS, OC
Fred & Marvel Hill		✓		NKSD
Gordon Stenerson Memorial		✓		NKHS
Judge Chavelle	✓	✓		
Kitsap Foster Care Recipients	✓			
Marcia Hunter van Court Music	✓	✓	✓	
Maria Mercedes Mackovjak Memorial Artist	✓	✓	✓	Kitsap Cty
Marie A. Barker Teaching	✓	✓	✓	OC&WWU
Nicole (Lyle) Tranilla Memorial	✓		✓	CKHS
Orchard Foods	✓			
Shirley Hecker Memorial	✓		✓	NKSD
Spencer Tarver Scholarship	✓			SKHS
Tracy Family Foundation	✓		✓	NKHS
West Sound Adv. Practice Assn.	✓	✓	✓	

Last year, Kitsap Community Foundation awarded **\$82,775** to **23** deserving students. This was only possible because of the generosity of our scholarship fund advisors. If you or someone you know would like to establish a scholarship fund, please review the information on the back page and contact us today.



ALAN AND ELLEN NEWBERG SCHOLARSHIPS

- This is a need-based scholarship for graduating seniors or graduates of a Kitsap County High School
- Applicants must be accepted to an accredited college, university, or trade or vocational school
- Applicants must be pursuing a degree in the arts, science, medicine, information science, or the trades
- Previous recipients of this scholarship may reapply for subsequent years of study
- Award amount: \$4,000 in scholarships awarded to 2-4 students, typical award is \$1,000-\$2,000
- Applications accepted from January 1 – February 28, 2026

BILL AND SANDRA WALGREN SCHOLARSHIP

- Applicants must have a family income less than \$75,000
- Applicants must belong to an underrepresented minority group
- Applicants must be a graduating senior or have graduated from a Kitsap County High School
- Applicants must be accepted to an accredited college, university, or trade or vocational school
- Previous recipients of this scholarship may reapply
- Award amount: one \$2,500 award
- Applications are accepted from January 1 – February 28, 2026

BREMERTON HIGH SCHOOL “PAY IT FORWARD” SCHOLARSHIP

- Need-based with priority given to first-generation college-bound students
- Applicants must be graduates of Bremerton High School
- Applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 to 3.5
- Character & motivation are important
- First time applications at Bremerton High School Counseling Office
- Renewal applications are due August 15. Contact scholarships@kitsapfoundation.org for requirements
- Awardee is required to “Pay It Forward” by giving 15 hours of community service each year
- Award amount: \$14,000 over 4 years
- Applications are accepted January 1 – February 28, 2026

CHARLES AND DOROTHY MARTELL FAMILY MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

- Preference for applicants pursuing music or music education
- Applicant must be a graduating senior of a Kitsap County High School
- Applicant must demonstrate strengths in musical interest and ability, personal character, and citizenship
- Strong consideration given to participants of local youth symphonies
- Award amount: one scholarship of up to \$900
- Applications are accepted January 1 – February 28, 2026

DANFORD AND FRANCES MOORE ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

- A need and merit-based scholarship for engineering, water resources, and/or biology
- Applicants must be a graduate of South Kitsap High School or attending Olympic College and pursuing a 4-year degree in engineering, water resources, and/or biology
- Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0
- Applicants with an interest in music preferred
- Recipients of this scholarship may reapply
- Award amount: one \$2,000 scholarship
- Applications accepted from January 1 – May 1, 2026

FRED AND MARVEL HILL SCHOLARSHIP

- A merit-based scholarship
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from North Kitsap School District
- Applicants must be accepted by an accredited college, university, trade or vocational school
- Award amount: one \$1,350 award
- Applications accepted January 1 – February 28, 2026

GORDON STENERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- This is a merit-based scholarship for graduating seniors of North Kitsap High School
- Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited community college, college, or university
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.4
- Preference will be given to applicants who have participated in sports and community service and are pursuing a career in education
- Scholarship award will be applied toward tuition
- Award amount: one scholarship for \$2,500

JUDGE CHAVELLE SCHOLARSHIP

- A need and merit-based scholarship for applicants born in Washington State
- Applicants must provide a certified copy of their Washington State birth certificate
- Open to graduating high school seniors (public, private, or homeschooled)
- Applicants must be accepted into an accredited postsecondary college, university, or vocational/technical training program (e.g., welding, HVAC, healthcare technology, automotive, culinary arts, cosmetology, construction, etc.)
- Minimum GPA requirement: 2.5
- Applicants must demonstrate financial need (FAFSA or counselor statement)
- Applicants must show evidence of strong work ethic, community involvement, or leadership
- Award amount: a total of \$23,300 will be distributed to up to 6 students
- Applications accepted from May 1 – May 31, 2026



KITSAP FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS SCHOLARSHIP

- A need-based scholarship for applicants who are a Foster Child or were in Foster Care
- Applicants must be a Kitsap County resident
- Applicants must be accepted to an accredited institution
- Award amount: \$3,500 per year, up to \$14,000 over six years
- Applications accepted January 1 – February 28, 2026

MARCIA HUNTER VAN COURT MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

- A need and merit-based scholarship focusing on music
- Applicants must be currently residing in or have been born in Kitsap or North Mason County
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old or turning 18 when the supported program begins
- Applicant must intent to study music, broadly defined, not limited to a particular instrument or style
- Scholarship award will be disbursed directly to the applicant's institution, studio, program, or business providing the post-secondary music education services
- Award amount: a total of \$10,500 will be distributed among multiple recipients
- Applications accepted from January 1 – February 28, 2026

MARIA MERCEDES MACKOVJAK MEMORIAL ARTIST SCHOLARSHIP

- A need-based scholarship (Family Income under \$100,000 preferred)
- Exceptions for need based may be made for students demonstrating outstanding merit and promise.
- Applicants must be graduating seniors of Kitsap County School District.
- Applicants must be accepted to an accredited college, university, or trade or vocational school.
- Applicants must be pursuing a degree in the Arts (photography, mixed media, graphic design, pottery, antique restoration, picture framing, etc.), or a related field.
- Previous recipients of this scholarship may reapply for subsequent years of study.
- Brief essay showing how this scholarship will help you further your educational or career goals.
- Award amount: one scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded for 2026
- Applications are accepted from January 1 – February 28, 2026

MARIE A. BARKER TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

- A need and merit-based scholarship for applicants focused on a career in teaching
- Applicants must be a full-time student at Olympic College with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better
- Applicant must be accepted into the Western Washington University Woodring College of Education
- Applicants can be graduates of North Kitsap High School and enrolled in Bremerton program or elsewhere in Washington
- Applicants can be graduates from other schools but enrolled in the program in Bremerton
- Applicants must apply through Western Washington University Woodring College of Education wce.wvu.edu/scholarships/woodring-scholarships
- Award amount: one \$1,000 scholarship
- Dates are determined by Western Washington University

NICOLE (LYLE) TRANILLA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- A need-based scholarship for young women
- Applicants must be a Central Kitsap High School graduate or a 2026 graduating senior
- Applicants must be pursuing a degree in electronics, electrical engineering, computer science, medical/dental, or a related field
- Applicants must be attending or be accepted to an accredited college, university, or trade or vocational school
- Award amount: at least one scholarship for \$1,000
- Applications accepted from January 1 – February 28, 2026

ORCHARD FOODS SCHOLARSHIP

- This is a need-based scholarship
- Applicants must be a current employee of Orchard Foods
- Applicants must be or have been a high school student in a geographic area served by Orchard Foods
- Applicants must be attending or have been accepted to a post-secondary educational institution for the coming Fall
- Past recipients may reapply
- Award amount: \$1,000-\$2,500 per award
- Applications accepted from January 1 – March 31, 2026

SHIRLEY HECKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

- This is a need and merit-based scholarship intended for students who may not receive as many scholarships
- Applicants must be a graduating senior from North Kitsap School District (North Kitsap/ Kingston) and planning to attend an accredited college, university, or trade/vocational school.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA 3.0
- Preference to candidates who have participated in extra-curricular activities
- Preference may be given to students whose parent has been employed as a bus driver or a custodian in any school district
- Funds from this scholarship can be used for tuition, fees, and books.
- Award amount: one scholarship for \$1,000
- Applications accepted from January 1 – February 28, 2026

SPENCER TARVER SCHOLARSHIP

- This is a need-based scholarship for one graduating senior or graduate of South Kitsap School District pursuing a 4-year degree
- Applicants must be accepted into an accredited college, university, trade or vocational school
- Applicants must have a 3.0 GPA or greater but that is not so high that the student would likely obtain a full ride scholarship from their college or other source
- Need will be assessed by examining factors such as family income and whether the applicant receives free/reduced lunch through school
- An in-person interview will be required at the Kitsap Community Foundation's office in Silverdale
- Award amount: \$20,000 per year, up to \$80,000 over four years

TRACY FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

- A need-based scholarship (family income under \$100,000 will be prioritized)
- Applicants must be graduating seniors of North Kitsap High School
- Applicants must be accepted into an accredited community college, technical institute, or trade school and intend to pursue a hands-on, skilled trade or technical career. Eligible programs should provide vocational training or certification aligned with National Occupational Standards (NOS) and prepare students for employment in fields such as automotive repair, carpentry, culinary arts, electrical work, plumbing, welding, maritime trades, medical technology, dental hygiene, and similar occupations
- This scholarship does not support professional degree programs such as nursing or teaching. It is intended for students pursuing hands-on vocational or technical training in skilled trades
- Applicants must send a photo and thank you within 15 days of acceptance
- Students may reapply for a second year
- Award amount: one scholarship up to \$2,000
- Applications accepted from January 1 – February 28, 2026

WEST SOUND ADVANCED PRACTICE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

- A need and merit-based scholarship for applicants focused on a nursing degree
- Applicants must be currently residing in or on the Kitsap Peninsula, not including Pierce County
- Applicants may be of any age
- Applicants must be entering a nursing program, or a program that is a precursor to nursing, and intending to obtain a nursing degree or credential
- Recipients may attend any post-secondary institution
- Recipients may receive a scholarship for multiple years, but must re-apply each year
- Award amount: up to two scholarships of \$1,000
- Applications accepted from January 1 – February 28, 2026





CHOOSE YOUR TERMS

Determine whether applicants will be limited to one field of study, school, demographic background, or whether you want your scholarship to be open to the entire local student population.

CONNECT TODAY AND GET STARTED

Call or e-mail us today at **(360) 698-3622** or **info@kitsapfoundation.org**. Together we can transform the lives of people in our community through education.



BUILD YOUR SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship funds are established as permanently endowed scholarships with a minimum of \$30,000, ensuring lasting support for students for generations to come.



START A FUND

Enable deserving young people to get the education they might not otherwise receive. Kitsap Community Foundation can help.

Flexibility allows us to meet the greatest needs. However, you can, if you'd like, specify: either the schools the students are to come from or the ones they are to attend; their course of study or career path; any level of post high school training, either university, college, or vocational school; whether the scholarship is need-based or merit-based, etc.

You can create a scholarship in your name or the name of a loved one. We will ensure the scholarship conforms to

the strict standards of impartiality and integrity. You can be involved in choosing the scholarship recipients each year or leave it to our Scholarship Committee.

Scholarships may be established as a permanently endowed fund with a minimum contribution of \$30,000. Endowed funds are invested to create a lasting legacy, providing scholarship support year after year. To learn more or get started, please call **(360) 698-3622** or email **info@kitsapfoundation.org**.



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