

# WH Foundation

Woodland Hills Foundation

# Scholarship Program



# Fund a Scholarship through WHF

Make a difference in the life of a student at Woodland Hills School District

**Funding a scholarship is a meaningful way to leave a legacy and honor an important person in your life while helping a student achieve their education and career goals.**

62.3% of students in the Woodland Hills School District are economically disadvantaged. But these students are taking action to improve their futures and quality of life. So, at the Woodland Hills Foundation (WHF) supporting students in need is one of our highest priorities!

To-date, over 65 scholarships totaling \$100,000 have been awarded for post-secondary education including technical, vocational, and baccalaureate degrees.

Scholarships awarded by the Woodland Hills Foundation are funded by donors who have created their own scholarship funds through the Foundation. Scholarships are awarded based on criteria as specified by the donor(s).

The donation amount to establish a scholarship can vary from just a one-time scholarship of \$500 to an endowed (perpetual) scholarship of \$20,000+. Donations may be added to an existing scholarship created with naming rights for the donor. By supporting the scholarship fund, you will be assisting students embarking on one of the most crucial next steps in their lives.

*Please join us! Your support is essential to our students' success!*



## WHAT'S NEW?

In 2021 the Foundation will expand scholarships to include "non-traditional" scholarships which will provide funds to assist with needs beyond but related to their education such as transportation, summer school and more.

In the summer of 2020 the Foundation launched the Woodland Hills Foundation Alumni Network. The Alumni Network's home is at [www.WHFAN.org](http://www.WHFAN.org). One of the goals is to form a scholarship funded and run by alumni.

This winter, the Foundation will run a targeted campaign as part of Give Big Pittsburgh, which will focus all marketing and fundraising efforts on Scholarship Funding.

# FUNDING A SCHOLARSHIP

Helping students at Woodland Hills achieve their dreams is easier than you might think! Our staff is here to support your process of setting up a Scholarship Fund with ease. Our committee works tirelessly to be sure information is distributed to guidance counselors and potential applicants; applications are processed promptly and contain complete information; checks are written and gifts acknowledged promptly when the fund receives donations.

Specifically, we will work with you to:

- Establish the amount/set a budget
- Determine if the scholarship will be awarded yearly or if it will be a one-time scholarship
- Establish eligibility requirements

You can sponsor a scholarship for Woodland Hills School District graduating seniors in your club or business name, or in memory of a loved one or a classmate. Donors must provide a list of guidelines/criteria for scholarship applicants. This might also include specific questions or an essay portion of the application.

Scholarship amounts, eligibility criteria and application deadlines shall be announced on the Foundation's website by January 31st of each year. The Scholarship Administrator shall ensure that eligibility and selection criteria as well as scholarship amounts are reviewed with donors where requested by them prior to posting.

Scholarships are promoted online every January through the Woodland Hills Foundation's website and social media pages (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) as well as through email blasts to the Foundation's database of over 2,000 individuals and businesses. The Scholarship Administrator also meets with District Guidance Counselors and other staff to disburse applications and to provide guidance on the application process.

After the application period ends, all scholarship applications are collected, screened and recipients selected through a competitive application process using the criteria each donor has set. We strive to make sure each application is given focus and attention to allow for the best candidates to be awarded scholarships. Donors can choose to participate in the selection process or allow the Woodland Hills Foundation Scholarship Committee to make those selections. Donors determine the criteria and the amount for the award. The selection process is an anonymous selection process, where no identifying information is disclosed on the application.

Scholarship funds are awarded in the spring of each year; funds are not distributed directly to the student. A check is mailed payable to the college of the student's choice during the first part of July. Thank you notes are required to be sent to each donor of a scholarship by its recipient prior to funds being disbursed.

# ADMINISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

The Woodland Hills Foundation administers two types of scholarships: (1) those funded by individuals or defined groups, businesses or corporations where specific criteria are established for the approval and distribution of funds; and, (2) general scholarships created by the Foundation from aggregated donated funds where the criteria of approval and distribution of the funds rests solely with the Foundation's Board of Directors. While Named Donor Scholarships are consistent with and support the Foundation's mission, there is a cost associated with administering them on behalf of a named donor(s). As such, the Foundation's Board of Directors elected to assess an administrative fee to scholarships that the Foundation administers on behalf of the named donors.

The following administrative fees will be assessed:

Funding Commitment Annual Fee: One-time \$50 one-time fee

Multi-Year Commitment :\$50 one-time fee plus 1% of Distributed Scholarship Funds each year

# CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

## **The Colleen E. Kennedy Memorial Scholarship**

The Colleen E. Kennedy Memorial Scholarship is open to all seniors who will graduate from Woodland Hills High School who have had success academically and athletically, demonstrated community spirit through volunteer service, and who will continue their education in a vocational, technical, or (non 4-year) educational program that awards a diploma, certificate, or Associate Degree upon completion (e.g. nursing, computer, technical, business, culinary, trade schools, community or junior colleges.). AWARD: One scholarship of \$1,000

## **The Barrie and Arleen Bartulski Scholarship for Academic Excellence**

The Barrie and Arleen Bartulski Scholarship for Academic Excellence is awarded each year to one graduating senior who resides in Turtle Creek, PA and holds the highest Grade Point Average (GPA). AWARD: One scholarship of \$2,000

## **The Darcy Lynne Herman Scholarship**

The Darcy Lynne Herman Scholarship is open to all seniors who will graduate from Woodland Hills High School who have demonstrated success in both science and humanities studies, and who will continue their education in a 4-year or longer educational program which grants a Bachelor's degree or higher upon completion. Awards will be based on a scholarship application. Thoughtful and sincere answers to the questions posed in the application, as well as evidence of academic success in science and humanities courses based on the student's high school transcript, GPA, and a letter of recommendation, will be the basis for selection for these awards. All questions must be answered completely. AWARD: One scholarship of \$1,000

## **The Woodland Hills Foundation Senior Scholarship**

Woodland Hills Foundation is proud to award scholarships to our seniors who are pursuing post-secondary education at other than four-year colleges. The scholarship is open to all seniors who will graduate from Woodland Hills High School and who will continue their education in a vocational, technical, or (non-four-year) educational program that has a diploma, certificate, or Associate's Degree upon completion (e.g. nursing, computer, technical, business, culinary, trade schools, community or junior colleges). Awards will be based on a scholarship application. Thoughtful and sincere answers to the questions posed in the application will be the basis for selection for these awards. AWARD: One scholarship of \$1,000

## **The Julia Anne McCool Memorial Scholarship for the Arts & Humanities**

This scholarship is open to all seniors who will graduate in from Woodland Hills High School who will continue their education in music, art, performance, liberal arts or humanities. Preference will be given to those continuing their education in music or art. Award will be based on scholarship application, completion of an original essay, and an optional sample of creative work (a portfolio, video of a performance piece, etc.). AWARD: One scholarship of \$2,500.

## **The Woodland Hills Foundation & Class of 1990, Debbie Spahr Thames Memorial Scholarship**

Open to all seniors who will graduate from Woodland Hills High School and who will continue their education in an educational program for health care professions that has a diploma, certificate, Associate Degree, or Bachelor's Degree upon completion. Awards will be based on a scholarship application. Thoughtful and sincere answers to the questions posed in the application will be the basis for selection for these awards. All questions must be answered completely. AWARDS: One scholarship of \$1,000.

## **Patti Fedishen Zollner Scholarship Fund**

Open to all seniors who will graduate from Woodland Hills High School. The award must be used for tuition or books for continuing his/her education at a community college, trade or technical school, two or four year college. AWARDS: One scholarship of \$1,000.

# SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FORM

Woodland Hills Foundation Scholarship Fund



Name of Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Scholarship/Scholarship Honoree Information (attach additional sheets as necessary):  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Amount & Frequency

- One-time scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ #  
(minimum \$500 per scholarship)
- Multi-Year \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ # x \_\_\_\_\_ yrs  
(minimum \$500 per scholarship)
- Endowed Scholarship \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Investment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (plus \$50 admin fee)

- Lump Sum Payment
- Scheduled Payments of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_/year x \_\_\_\_\_ years
- Donations will come from various sources  
until the goal is reached.

## Eligibility Criteria (check all that you wish to apply):

- Financial Need
- Volunteer Hours
- Student Athlete
- Area of Study: \_\_\_\_\_
- GPA requirement: \_\_\_\_\_
- Letter(s) of recommendation \_\_\_\_\_ #
- Preferred post-secondary education type:  
(four year college, trade school, culinary school, etc)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Other special criteria? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- We would like to be a part of the selection process
- Essay and/or other questions (attach separately)

## Contact Information

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes, you may use my/our name as a scholarship donor to promote the scholarship program
- No, I wish to remain anonymous

Questions? Contact Jennifer Trehar at [jennifer.whfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.whfoundation@gmail.com). Checks should be made payable to Woodland Hills Foundation. Return to: Woodland Hills Foundation; PO Box 321; Turtle Creek, PA 15145

*Thank you for your support!*