



Jay and Diane Zidell Scholarship Fund

Purpose: The purpose of the **Jay and Diane Zidell Scholarship Fund** is to support and encourage individuals who are in the workforce and who want to improve their personal and financial circumstances through education. Scholarship awards may be used for tuition, books, lab and material fees and other education-related expenses.

Eligibility: Individuals selected to receive this scholarship must:

- Be residents of Clark County, Washington.
- Plan to register or be currently registered for the fall or winter 2012 quarter or semester at an accredited post-secondary educational institution that is eligible to participate in the federal student financial aid program. This may include 2-year community colleges, 4-year colleges and universities, and vocational, trade, technical or career schools. There is no minimum enrollment requirement.
- Be employed a minimum of 10 hours per week while attending school.
- Submit an annual plan of study, signed by an academic advisor.
- Demonstrate a strong desire to overcome personal and financial obstacles.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the **Jay and Diane Zidell Scholarship Fund** Advisory Committee appointed by the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington Board of Directors. The Committee will consider the applicant's drive, motivation, financial need, work ethic, determination to build a better future and desire for self improvement.

Renewal: To be eligible for renewal, students must submit a current college transcript, verification of enrollment status and a plan of study signed by an academic advisor from the educational institution the applicant is attending, or will be attending. Students must also maintain a cumulative minimum 2.5 GPA and be employed a minimum of 10 hours per week while attending school. Students must provide written confirmation of hours worked from their employer. *Please note that this is a competitive scholarship process, involving committee review, and not all students applying for a renewal are guaranteed a scholarship.*

Deadline: **April 30, 2012**

Amount: **Up to \$10,000 per recipient - Multiple scholarships may be awarded.**

Applications and supporting materials may be completed and submitted online or be typewritten, in 12 point font, then mailed or delivered to the Community Foundation offices. As you fill out this application, please consider your future goals, your desire to attain them and the role of educational advancement in achieving them.

SECTION C: EMPLOYMENT

Name of your current employer(s): _____

Supervisor and telephone number: _____

Job title: _____

Job responsibilities: _____

Number of hours currently employed per week: _____

Number of hours per week you expect to be employed while attending school: _____

CERTIFICATION

I acknowledge that this is a competitive selection process and that decisions of the Scholarship Advisory Committee and the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington are final.

I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered.

I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that intentional misrepresentation is cause for disqualification of the **Jay and Diane Zidell Scholarship**. I understand that the Scholarship Advisory Committee shall review information on this form and all attachments and, if asked, I agree to provide proof of information I have given on this form.

I give permission for the Scholarship Advisory Committee to contact my references for additional work or character reference information.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

If selected to receive a scholarship, I give permission for a publicity release, including the use of my name and photographic image.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

ATTACHMENTS

- Two letters of reference. One must be from your employer and include verification of the number of hours you are currently working. The other should be a character reference.
- An essay not more than two pages in length summarizing your continuing desire to further your education, your areas of study and the reasons for your choices, your career goals (if known). In addition, please describe any obstacles you wish to overcome.
- An official, sealed copy of your high school or college transcript through the most recent quarter or semester.
- A brief statement generalizing your financial status. Will you be receiving other support to assist in financing your education? If so, please describe.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION PACKETS

Completed application packets may be submitted online, mailed or hand-delivered to:

Jay and Diane Zidell Scholarship Fund
The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington
Anne Digenis, Donor Services and Grants Officer
1053 Officers Row
Vancouver, WA 98661

AFTER APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED

Information from the application and attached materials is reviewed by the Scholarship Advisory Committee. Recipients are selected by this Committee and award letters are mailed to all recipients. Applicants not selected to receive a scholarship are also sent written notification.

Jay and Diane Zidell Scholarship Fund recipients are encouraged to remember the support they received and contribute to the fund when they are in the position to do so in order to help others who are aspiring to improve their lives.