

Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce recognizes that the skills required of businesses today typically demand post secondary education, and has identified that many students in our area are in need of financial assistance in acquiring additional education after completion of high school. As a business organization, benefiting from the contributions the education system has provided us; we need to assist students in their endeavor to improve their skills for the workforce of tomorrow.

AMOUNT

It is the intent of this program to award scholarships in the amount of \$500 or more. As the funds for these scholarships are based upon the voluntary contributions of our members, the actual amount is dependent upon the level of contributions to the scholarship fund.

CRITERIA

- The scholarship is to be used at a post secondary institution for tuition.
- The student/applicant must be a resident of Cowlitz County.
- The student/applicant must demonstrate involvement in both school and community.
- The student/applicant must demonstrate financial need.
- The student/applicant must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.25 or better.
- The student/applicant must demonstrate an excellent high school attendance history.
- The student/applicant must submit two comprehensive letters of recommendation from non-related individuals outlining character, personality, academic, and community involvement strengths.
- The student/applicant must submit a letter, including future goals, outlining why the applicant should receive the scholarship.
- The scholarship award must be used within two years of the following fall term.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection team will be a subset of the Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce Education Committee. Their decision will be based on the following scoring criteria:

G.P.A.	1 to 5 points
Financial Need	1 to 5 points
School and Community Involvement (include work history)	1 to 15 points
Letter outlining why the applicant should receive the scholarship (Include future goals)	1 to 20 points
Attendance	1 to 5 points
Letters of Recommendation	1 to 5 points

Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name _____ School _____

Street Address _____ City _____ County _____

Gross Family Income _____ Total Number Of Dependents _____

Who will finance your education? (Check one):

Parent/guardian _____ Student (Applicant) _____ Both _____ Other _____

Brief statement of financial need (including other family members in post-secondary education, medical problems, extenuating circumstances, etc.) _____

Planned course of study _____

College / Vocational School Preferences 1. _____
2. _____

School Activities _____

Honors / Awards / Leadership Positions _____

Community / Volunteer / Activities _____

Work History _____

Attach two letters of recommendation by non-related individuals, an official transcript, and a high school attendance history. Compose and submit a letter outlining why you should receive the scholarship. **Mail or deliver entire application to Amy Johnson, Kelso Longview Chamber of Commerce, 1563 Olympia Way, Longview, WA 98632 on or before April 9, 2010.** Attach additional pages if necessary.

Certificate: I certify that the information provided on this application and the attached papers (if any) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

