Scholarships available through the Foundation for Edmonds School District

By submitting one application, applicants will be considered for all of the scholarships for which they meet the eligibility requirements. These requirements could include graduating from a particular high school or pursuing particular academic fields. In the required essay applicants should be specific to career and educational goals.

Hazel Miller Foundation Scholarships

The Hazel Miller Foundation offers scholarships for students graduating from each of the five Edmonds School District high schools. There will be two $5,000 Hazel and Morris Miller Memorial Scholarships, one for a male and one for a female, and eleven $2,000 Hazel Miller Memorial Scholarships, two for each high school with one being for a female and one for a male, and an additional one for either an Edmonds Heights or eLearning Graduate. Additionally, the Foundation will award second year scholarships up to a total of $5,000 for those students demonstrating greatest financial need.

These awards are for students pursuing educational programs at a university, community college or vocational-technical institution and will be judged on financial need as well as academic and community service merit. Please fully complete the financial section of this application and include a statement of your financial need.

About the Hazel Miller Foundation . . .

Hazel and Morris Miller were long-time Edmonds residents who loved their communities of Edmonds and South Snohomish County. Upon her death in 2009 a private charitable foundation was established in Hazel’s name to award grants to charities and Non-profit organizations operating in this Edmonds and South Snohomish County area. The Hazel Miller Foundation focuses on the areas of:

- Education and youth services
- Poverty alleviation and hunger
- Civic community services and amenities
- The environment
- Culture and the Arts

Hazel and Morris were leading business entrepreneurs of their time. Morris was a founding member of Seattle Quilt, one of the original developers of the sleeping bag. Seattle Quilt was sold to Olin Corp. in the 1970s at which time Hazel and Morris retired. They loved to travel together. Hazel loved enjoying Edmonds’ downtown businesses and Morris loved to be out on Puget Sound salmon fishing. Providing scholarships in her name fulfills one of Hazel Miller’s key interests and commitments: supporting the education of youth.
Douglas Caldart Memorial Vocal Music Scholarship ($1,000)

Douglas D. Caldart, Sr. graduated from Edmonds High School in 1947. His joy of music began as a young child listening to the folk and country-western music that his mother Adele Robinson loved. As a young student in the Edmonds School District, he joined the glee club and thus began his life-long love of vocal music. His musical interests soon turned to opera and he began taking professional voice lessons as a tenor. In his early twenties, while working in San Francisco, California, Doug was accepted into the San Francisco Opera. Unfortunately, family commitments brought him back to Washington State. While he never again sang professionally, he continued his vocal lessons and sang in performance recitals, amateur stage productions and for friends and family.

In honor of his memory, Doug’s children have established a vocal music scholarship to be awarded each year to a graduating student of the Edmonds School District. The scholarship will provide financial assistance to those students pursuing a degree in either vocal music performance or vocal music education.

Scott Copan Scholarship ($1,000)

This award was established by the Scott Copan’s father to honor Scott’s memory, and goes to a Mountlake Terrace senior basketball player who shows drive and determination beyond what is expected both on and off the court.

Edmonds in Bloom Educational Scholarship ($1,000)

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance for a student who will be attending an accredited vocational/technical/community college or university system with the goal of preparing for a career in agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, viticulture (wine making), botany, plant genetics, conservation, entomology, urban planning, or related field.

Edmonds in Bloom is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to beautifying the city of Edmonds and promoting horticultural education through the use of flowers and plants. We have been active in the community since 1995, offering the ever-popular Kids Plant for Mom’s Day, Garden Competition for businesses and residents and hosting an annual Garden Tour and Awards Reception. We also work with the City of Edmonds in planting and sponsoring many street corner flower beds and hanging baskets.

Barbara Escandón Memorial Educational Scholarship ($1,000)

Barbara Escandón embodied the traits of an outstanding educator. She took great care to guide and support her students. Each one was the recipient of her respect and encouragement. By continually challenging her students with interesting and motivating classroom activities, every child developed a love for learning. Furthermore, Barbara’s ability to work cooperatively with parents, staff and administrators created a positive learning environment for all.

Her involvement extended to the community where she received various honors and achievements including two Golden Acorn awards. Also, Barbara served as a chairman in several Edmonds School District committees as well as being a District Math Leader for nearly a decade. Barbara obtained her B.A. in education from the University of Washington and her masters’ degree in education from Antioch College. She taught at the elementary level until her retirement.

The purpose of this Memorial Scholarship is to provide financial assistance to an aspiring education student who will pursue his/her passion for teaching, just as Barbara Escandón did in her life.
Fred Donadel Memorial Music Scholarship ($1,000)

Fred Donadel appreciated music and music education in the schools. He was exposed to this through the Lynnwood High School band programs when he watched performances and saw the enjoyment and musical growth this brought to all the students. He also appreciated the hard work and dedication of the music staff. His love of life, music, and support of grand nieces and nephews prompted the establishment of this scholarship that will keep his memory and name alive. The Fred Donadel Memorial Music Scholarship will provide financial assistance to a deserving music student from Lynnwood High School to pursue their continuing education in their desired field of choice.

Donald Fitzgerald Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)

Donald Fitzgerald was a teacher, counselor, and coach in the Edmonds School District for twenty-five years. He began his teaching (industrial arts and math) and coaching (baseball and football) career at Madrona Junior High School in 1967. After ten years there he moved to Brier Junior High School as a school counselor. After ten more years he moved to Meadowdale Middle School as a counselor until his retirement in 1994. “Mr. Fitz” was admired and loved by students and staff alike. He always loved to listen to the concerns of students, parents, and staff members. Don loved to travel, root for the Washington Huskies, golf, fish, play cribbage with friends, and camp on property near Winthrop. He believed in public school education and would be honored to have a student begin their post high school education with a scholarship in his name.

Ron Fraser Memorial Educational Scholarship ($1,000)

Ron Fraser, a longtime educator in the Edmonds School District, passed away in March of 2011 after a long battle with cancer. Ron had amazing years as an educator and administrator in which he truly found his calling. His relationships with students, parents and staff were deep, meaningful, and profound. His professional career took him from the wheat fields of Kahlotus, WA in 1958 as a science and history teacher, to Moses Lake as a school counselor, and finally to Edmonds as an assistant principal and then a principal at both Meadowdale High School and Edmonds High School. Upon retirement in 1990 Ron and his wife of 50 years, Jean, moved to Kennewick, WA where they spent the next twenty years traveling extensively and watching their two granddaughters grow.

Ron always tried to make a difference with the people he interacted with in his educational career. He made sure that people he came in contact with knew they were valued. He instilled in his staff the importance of their roles in molding the next generation of children into adult leaders. Those values were always core to Ron.

Eda I. Harless Memorial Scholarship (two $1,000 scholarships awarded)

Eda I. Harless was 94 years old when she passed away in 2009. She was a kind and unselfish woman who valued education. Living a humble life, Eda raised four sons on her own while working full time to ensure all four of her boys could graduate from college. In 1963 she was honored with the first Mother of the Year award by Mountlake Terrace High School. It was her desire that a scholarship fund be established which acknowledges a deserving student from Mountlake Terrace and Edmonds-Woodway High Schools, where her sons graduated, so that he or she may also experience the rewards of higher education.

Hawks Helping Hawks (minimum of $1,000)

Blair (Benshoof) Sprunk (’84) and Eric Sprunk established this scholarship to honor Carol and Franque Remington and to recognize their lifelong generosity towards all walks of life, regardless of gender, sexuality, color, nationality, etc. This award is for Mountlake Terrace High graduating seniors continuing their education in a community college, vocational school, or 4-year college/university.
Lynnwood High Retiree Scholarship ($1,000)

Lynnwood High School staff retirees value the importance of education beyond high school. They have established this $1,000 scholarship as a means of helping a Lynnwood High School Royal senior begin the pursuit of furthering his or her education. While at LHS, beginning in 1971, the staff took pride in interacting with both the students and their families from the Lynnwood community. This scholarship is a reflection of the LHS retirees’ desire to remain involved in the future education of Lynnwood graduating students.

Gordon McLaughlin Hawkeye Scholarship ($1,000)

This scholarship was established in 2001 by Gordon McLaughlin’s widow, Evelyn McLaughlin, to honor his memory, and goes to a senior staff member on the Mountlake Terrace High School (MTHS) paper, The Hawkeye, who has most positively represented MTHS and the journalism community.

Michelson Family Scholarship ($1,000)

Stuart Michelson is a graduate of Edmonds High School who strongly believes in education and each year helps a financially struggling student begin their post high school learning. He enthusiastically finances this scholarship on a yearly basis.

Mountlake Terrace Endowment Scholarship Association (MTESA) Scholarships

The MTESA scholarship was established in 1982 by Mountlake Terrace High School (MTHS) teachers Judy Roberts, Leo Sherrick, and Ed Bush to recognize those students who have represented MTHS in the most positive manner. Those who have truly lived the Terrace motto of “to be, not to seem”. We strive to recognize the students who have not always been visible, but have truly impacted those around them and/or overcome incredible adversity. The majority of funds have come through generous contributions from MTHS faculty, staff, and parents. This award is open to MTHS seniors.

Gay Nixon Scholarship (award amount varies each year)

Gay Nixon graduated from Tulane University with a degree in chemistry and earned her teaching degree from the University of Washington. She taught high school math from 1967 to 1995 in the Edmonds School District, including Lynnwood High School. She was an accomplished musician who excelled at piano, classical guitar, and accordion. A life-long learner, Gay enjoyed travel and led students on summer tours for People-to-People. This scholarship will be given to students pursuing further education in STEM fields including math and science, or music.

Manu Sood Scholarship (scholarship amount and number of awards varies each year)

Manu Sood, who passed away in 2009, cared deeply for family, friends and her community. Manu enjoyed working for the Native American Education program in the Edmonds School District in the 80s. She served on the Mountlake Terrace Arts Advisory Commission for four years from 2005 through 2009, which complimented her strong passion for painting. Manu also was very active in the Mountlake Terrace Garden Club. Manu was about her family, children, friends and the arts. Therefore, her family and friends set up the Manu Sood/Mountlake Terrace Arts Commission Scholarship to provide scholarship funds to a deserving Edmonds School District senior who plans to pursue visual arts at college/university.

Vocational/Technical Education Scholarships ($1,000 award, number granted varies each year)

These scholarships are for students who will be attending an accredited vocational/technical or community college program with the goal of preparation for a specific trade or craft vocation. Vocational education teaches procedural knowledge and usually is a combination of classroom learning and on the job training.
Lenovo ThinkPad Scholarship

The Foundation for Edmonds Public Schools is again offering a Lenovo ThinkPad for a student graduating from the Edmonds School District high schools in 2015. GovConnection has joined the partnership between Lenovo and the Edmonds School District, which dates back to 2008. This Lenovo ThinkPad will be awarded to a senior who plans to pursue studies in science, technology, engineering or mathematics to obtain the minimum of a two-year degree. Please note that to qualify for the scholarship you must have a minimum C+ GPA and have demonstrated high interest and innovative use of science, technology, engineering or mathematics during your high school career.

PLEASE NOTE—Applicants must complete the entire scholarship application form in its entirety and include an additional essay (maximum of 500 words) that includes the following:

- An overview of your involvement with Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) during your high school career.
- Your 13th year plans, including the school you plan to obtain your STEM related degree.
- How this scholarship will help you achieve your goals.
- Any additional information that would distinguish you as an applicant.