



## Funhouse Commons

### **FUNHOUSE COMMONS HPSSF SCHOLARSHIP**

The Funhouse Commons is honored to administer the Henigson Public School Student Fund (HPSSF) College Scholarship.

As part of our commitment to education and on behalf of Bob & Phyllis Henigson, The Funhouse Commons will award an annual college scholarship of up to \$32,000 for a four-year college or university to one graduation of Orcas Island High School. This scholarship is for students who do not have the resources to finance their education without financial support. The student selected will also, in the words of Robert Henigson, “demonstrate real motivation to receive a higher degree”.

The program is structured so that the scholarship recipient will be awarded \$8,000 per year for four years, subject to the enrollment and performance standards outlined below.

Applicants will be required to submit their completed application in PDF format by May 1<sup>st</sup>. These will be reviewed by a selection committee and scored on a point system with the following weighting: determination to succeed (30%), academic performance (25%), financial need (25%), community service (15%), and future plans (5%).

Letters of recommendation are to be submitted independently by the recommender in a sealed envelope, by mail or hand-delivered, to The Funhouse Commons. If delivered by post, it is the responsibility of the student to contact The Funhouse Commons and ensure that Letters of Recommendation are received in time to meet the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

The committee will meet to determine the scholarship recipient, who will be announced at the annual graduation ceremonies. The Funhouse Commons administration is responsible for the distribution of funds, given the student's academic progress remains satisfactory.

#### **TERMS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

The recipient must prove enrollment and demonstrate a full course load by August 31<sup>st</sup> each of the four years they expect to have scholarship funds made available. In the second through fourth years of scholarship funding, a transcript from the previous year must also be provided with a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 required to avoid irrevocable termination of the grant. Subject to the foregoing, a check for \$8,000 will be written by The Funhouse Commons (or another contracted agency) directly to the bursar's office of the relevant institution by September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Should a student wish to take time off from school, funds will not be disbursed during that time. However, should students return to school within two years of their leave, they will be eligible to re-apply for the grant.

If a school's Study Abroad Program provides significant credits toward receiving a degree, a student may use grant funds toward such a program.

Management and decisions related to these performance standards will be handled by The Funhouse Commons staff, with the assistance of the committee. The rules/scoring matrix may also be reviewed and adjusted by the committee as necessary.



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### APPLICATION FOR FUNHOUSE COMMONS HPSSF SCHOLARSHIP

Completed Applications Must Be Submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>

Submit to: [scholarships@thefunhouse.org](mailto:scholarships@thefunhouse.org)

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ College you plan to attend : \_\_\_\_\_

#### BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- Completed applications must be submitted in PDF format and emailed to: [scholarships@thefunhouse.org](mailto:scholarships@thefunhouse.org)
- Letters of recommendation must be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope to The Funhouse Commons
- Respond to each of the following sections below in a separate document
- It is the responsibility of the student to ensure the complete application (including letters of recommendation) is submitted by the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline
- Applications will be immediately disqualified if any part is missing, or if any contents are determined to be misrepresented

#### DETERMINATION TO SUCCEED

1. Describe one or two areas in your life where you have demonstrated a significant determination to succeed. *200 words maximum, up to 10 points*

2. Describe up to two of your biggest challenges and how you faced them. *200 words maximum, up to 10 points*

3. Letters of recommendation:

- You are required to get **two** letters of recommendation from separate individuals who know you well and have served in one of these roles for you: a teacher, counselor, mentor, coach, employer, community leader, or religious leader. Your resource must be at least 21 years of age and must not be related to you. The letter should include how you demonstrate one or more of these qualities: hard work, resourcefulness, perseverance in the face of adversity, academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to community. The letters must be sealed and mailed, or delivered by hand, to The Funhouse Commons. *Each letter up to 5 points*



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#### ACADEMICS

4. Please list three things: your grade point average, how many of your school age years you have lived on Orcas Island (maximum 13), and how many years of public school you have completed on Orcas Island. *Up to 10 points*

5. How many AP classes have you completed? *Up to 7 points*

6. Describe any academic projects you have completed outside of the school day – examples include online courses, science fairs, robotics clubs, or any other extra-curricular academics. *Up to 5 points*

7. Describe any college preparatory activities you have participated in – examples include college counseling through The Funhouse Commons, SAT prep, or any other applicable programs. *Up to 3 points*

#### FINANCIAL NEED

8. Please answer the following questions:

- What is the shortfall between your expected expenses (tuition, room and board, books, etc.) and any funding you have secured?
- How much support/savings do you have from your family?
- Have you received or applied for any grants, state funding, or scholarships (including the Pell Grant)? *Up to 25 points*

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

9. Please provide a detailed description of any community service you have done for publicly funded or not-for-profit organizations, including a time frame of participation and total hours of service. *Up to 15 points*

#### PLANS/GOALS

10. Give us a snapshot of your goals and/or passion – education, career, life, etc. What is on your radar for the coming years? *Up to 5 points*

11. Is there anything else we should know about you? Feel free to include an additional paragraph.