



## Funhouse Commons

### FUNHOUSE COMMONS HPSSF SCHOLARSHIP

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

As part of our education programming, and on behalf of Bob & Phyllis Henigson, Funhouse Commons will award an annual college scholarship of up to \$32,000 for a four-year college or university to one graduate 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. 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%).

Please email completed applications to [emilie@thefunhouse.org](mailto:emilie@thefunhouse.org). Letters of recommendation are to be submitted independently by the recommender in a sealed envelope, by mail or hand-delivered, to The Funhouse. If delivered by post, it is the responsibility of the student to contact Funhouse Commons and ensure the letters of recommendation are received in time to meet the May 1 deadline.

The committee will meet to determine the scholarship recipient, and announce the recipient at the annual graduation ceremonies. The funds, and monitoring of the student's progress through college, will be the responsibility of the Funhouse Commons administration.

#### **Terms and Performance Standards**

The recipient must prove enrollment and demonstrate a full course load by August 31, 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 \$8000 will be written by Funhouse Commons (or another contracted agency) directly to the bursar's office of the relevant institution by September 15 of each year.

Should a student wish to take time off from school, funds will not be paid for that term/period of time. Students would however be able to re-apply for funds when they return to school, provided it is within two years or less.

Students who wish to study abroad can still apply for funds, so long as the study abroad program provides significant credits towards getting a degree.

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



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### APPLICATION FOR FUNHOUSE COMMONS HPSSF SCHOLARSHIP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ College you plan to attend : \_\_\_\_\_

#### BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

- Completed applications must be submitted in PDF format.
- Applications will be immediately disqualified if any part is missing, or if any contents are determined to be misrepresented.
- Letters of recommendation must be mailed or delivered in a sealed envelope to The Funhouse.
- It is the responsibility of the student to ensure the complete application is submitted (including letters of recommendation) by the May 1 deadline.
- Please respond to each of the following, copying over the instruction, and then writing your answer.

#### 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 recommender must be at least 21 years of age and must not be related to you. Some guidelines for the letter include the context in which the recommender knows you, your potential for success in college and life, and how you demonstrate one or more of these qualities: hard work, resourcefulness, perseverance in the face of adversity, academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to one's community. The letters must be sealed and mailed or delivered to The Funhouse, *up to 5 points for each letter.*

#### ACADEMICS

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

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 prep activities you have participated in, including Funhouse college counseling program, SAT prep courses or any other programs. *Up to 3 points.*

#### FINANCIAL NEED

8. Please answer the following questions:

- What is your shortfall between your expected expenses (tuition, room and board, books, etc.) & your secured funding?
  - How much family support/savings do you have?
  - Have you received or applied for any grants, state funding, or other 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 timeframe of participation and hours of service. *Up to 15 points.*

#### PLANS/GOALS

10. Give us a snapshot of your goals and/or passions - education, career, life. What's 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.

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE EMAILED TO [EMILIE@THEFUNHOUSE.ORG](mailto:EMILIE@THEFUNHOUSE.ORG) BY MAY 1.**