

## John and Opal McGimpsey Scholarship

The John and Opal McGimpsey Scholarship Fund was created in 2006 by John and Opal McGimpsey to benefit graduating seniors of Olympia High School and North Thurston High School. This scholarship is guided by three strong beliefs: (1) that education is important, (2) that scholarships of significant dollar value would help conscientious students remain more focused on their studies, and (3) that students who are not necessarily the highest scholastic achievers, but have a strong work ethic, as well as ability and commitment, should have the opportunity for this scholarship.

The scholarship has the potential to be renewed for up to an additional four years for undergraduate education. Re-application each year is required. The value of each scholarship is up to \$10,000 per year. Residence in student housing is preferred, particularly in the first year.

### Eligibility & Criteria

- Graduating seniors from Olympia High School or North Thurston High School
- Planning to attend a two- or four-year accredited public institution in Washington State
- Evidence of significant financial need
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Participation in school activities and community service
- No relation to donors and/or their family

### \*Special Note\*

The McGimpsey Scholarship Selection Committee will choose candidates from each high school to interview for this award. If chosen as a candidate, you will be **required** to attend a virtual interview on **Thursday, May 6, 2021**, sometime between 3-5 pm.

## Application Required Items:

### **Personal Statement**

- Write a short statement indicating your reasons for wanting to attend a post-secondary institution, your anticipated course of study, and an indication of how this scholarship will contribute to your future career goals. Include other information that will show the Scholarship Selection Committee you are a strong candidate for the scholarship (e.g. outstanding attributes, talents, service to school or community, commitment to pursuing educational goals, motivation, and/or family circumstances)

(Minimum word count: 300)

### **Two Letters of Recommendation**

- Letters of Recommendation should remark on the applicant's overall character, achievement, and promise. Letters can be from an employer, church official, or community member, but at least one must be from a teacher, advisor, or administrator.

### **Grade Transcript**

- Most recent grade transcript. Unofficial are accepted.

### **Student Aid Report (SAR)**

- The SAR is used to determine your financial need and is returned to you when the FAFSA is completed. ***Be certain that your report includes an EFC number.***

### **Other Information**

- Include a list of other scholarships you have applied for, indicating if you have already been notified that you have been awarded. Indicate the scholarship name, amount, and whether it is renewable.