

## Learning Seed Foundation Scholarship

The Learning Seed scholarship was established by the Learning Seed Foundation to assist graduating high school seniors in Thurston and Pierce Counties in obtaining a higher education. This scholarship is designed to benefit primarily students of color who have overcome significant obstacles and demonstrate a commitment to others. This award has the potential to be renewed for up to an additional three years of undergraduate education. Re-application each year is required. Awards vary between \$500 and \$2,000

### Eligibility & Criteria

- Graduating senior from a high school in Thurston or Pierce Counties
  - Students who have a General Education Degree (GED) are eligible to apply.
- Demonstration of significant financial need
- Demonstrated Academic Ability: applicant need not be at the top of the class but must have demonstrated a capacity to succeed in school.
- Extracurricular Activities/Community Service: volunteer projects and active participation in school, church, or community that indicate a commitment to service.
- Obstacles: special circumstances such as family, financial, or personal that have tested the applicant's resilience
- Life Experience: voluntary or paid work experience

### 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.***

#### **Test Scores (if applicable)**

- Results of the PSAT, SAT, and/or ACT test(s) taken.