THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
OF SOUTH PUGET SOUND

2017 Application Packet
-Learning Seed Scholarship-

Application deadline: 5:00 pm, Friday, April 14, 2017
Please do not use binders, reports covers, folders or staples (paper clips ok)

A complete application packet requires:
- ✓ Profile Form
- ✓ Personal Statement
- ✓ Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Grade Transcript
- ✓ Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA
- ✓ Test Scores

Profile Form

Name:						
Date of Birth:		County of Residency:			Gender:	
Check one:	Caucasian	African-American	Asian-American	Latino-American	American Indian	Other:
Mailing Address:				City, State, Zip:		
Email Address:						
Phone (with area code):			Alternate Phone:			
High School:			Expected Graduation Date:			
Post-Secondary Institution you are planning to attend:						

Choice 1: *Name*		*City*
Choice 2: (if applicable) *Name*		*City*
Major:	Degree:	Expected Graduation Date:

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

_____   _____
Signature   Date

_____   _____
Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant under 18 years of age)   Date

Mail or hand-deliver application materials to:
The Community Foundation of South Puget Sound
212 Union Avenue SE, Suite 102, Olympia, WA 98501

No fax or electronic submittals will be accepted

Please contact Valerie Piper with any questions: vpiper@thecommunityfoundation.com
(360) 705-3340

Learning Seed Scholarship

Overview
The Learning Seed scholarship was established by the Learning Seed Foundation to assist 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 scholarship may be renewable for up to an additional three years of undergraduate education based on financial need and reasonable progress toward graduation. Re-application each year is required. Scholarship awards vary between $500 and $2000.

Eligibility & Selection Criteria
Selection of award recipient is based on a combination of merit and financial need.
1. Merit is determined using the following factors:
    *   <u>Demonstrated academic ability:</u> A student need not be at the top of his/her class, but must have demonstrated a capacity to succeed in school. Students who have achieved a General Education Degree (GED) are eligible to apply.
    *   <u>Extracurricular Activities/Community Service:</u> Volunteer projects and active participation in school, church, and community activities, which indicate a commitment to service.
    *   <u>Obstacles:</u> Special circumstances such as family, financial, or personal problems that may make an application worthy of consideration.
    *   <u>Life Experience:</u> A student's voluntary or paid work experience
    *   <u>Career Goals:</u> An indication of how the scholarship will contribute to future career goals.
    *   <u>Applicant Appraisal:</u> Two letters of recommendation
2. Students demonstrating significant financial need: assessed using the completed Student Aid Report (SAR) that takes into consideration current family income, accumulated assets, family size, and number of family members in school.

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✓ **Profile Form**
Make certain all information provided is legible, especially the email address as that will be our main method of communicating information to you.

✓ **Personal Statement**
Write a short statement indicating your reasons for wanting to continue your education, your planned course of study, and your future career goals. Include any other information that will show the Committee you are a worth recipient (e.g. outstanding attributes, talents, service to school or community, commitment to pursuing education goals, motivation, and family circumstances).

✓ **Two Letters of Recommendation**
*   A successful letter of recommendation will remark on the student's overall character, achievement and promise
*   One of the letters must be from a teacher, advisor, or administrator and the other from an employer, church official, or community member
*   The letters must have been written within the last year and must contain your full name

✓ **Grade Transcript**
Include a copy of your most recent grade transcript. *Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.*

✓ **Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR)**
A completed SAR is used to determine your financial need. This document is returned to you when you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available from many high school counselors or college financial aid offices. ***Be certain that your report includes an EFC number.***

✓ **Test Scores**
Include results of the PSAT, SAT, and/or ACT tests taken