

Description

The Sandi DePaepe Memorial Scholarship is designed for a graduating Clackamas High School Senior, with preference being given to a student who has utilized the ASPIRE program to prepare for college, and who can demonstrate financial need.

The scholarship may be used for a 4-year, 2-year, or certification program of study.

Purpose

This scholarship was created by the friends and family of Sandi Allen DePaepe. Sandi was an ASPIRE mentor for four years at Clackamas High School. She helped many students apply for scholarships and college. It became obvious after her first-year volunteering that this was her passion. She loved her kids and loved hearing back from them after they heard back from colleges and scholarships. Sandi's life was cut short by an aggressive renal cancer which overtook her in less than four months. This scholarship honors Sandi's dedication to her community and the students of Clackamas High School.

Amount of the Award

The Sandi DePaepe Memorial Scholarship will award a \$4,000 scholarship for tuition and fees as well as other costs at the college, university, or certification program the student attends. Funds are to be distributed to their college or university's financial aid office upon request once the student is registered.

The amount of the award will be reviewed annually by Sandi DePaepe's family and the Awards Committee of the North Clackamas Education Foundation (NCEF) and may be adjusted annually to account for funds available and/or increases in average tuition costs and fees for post-secondary programs.

Type of Award

Multi-year scholarship to be administered by the student's college, university or certification program as part of their financial aid package.

Conditions for Continuation of Award

The scholarship award of \$4,000 will be divided equally for each year of school attended, based on enrollment in a certificate program, 2-year college, or 4-year university.

For continuation of the award the following documents must be sent to NCEF at ncefscholarships@gmail.com no later than August 15th prior to the school year in which the funds are requested (ie; August 15th, 2022 for the 2022-23 school year);

- Proof of attendance and enrollment this includes a letter from a school counselor and class schedule.
- Proof of GPA at or above 2.5 both cumulative and for the most recent year, such as a transcript or most current grade report.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for the scholarship are:

1. A cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.5.
2. Plans to pursue a post-secondary educational opportunity (2-year, 4-year or certification program of study)
3. Demonstrate financial need
4. Preference will be given to student(s) who have utilized the ASPIRE program to prepare for college.

Application Process (for high school seniors)

Applicants must submit:

- 1) A completed counselor recommendation form.
- 2) A document answering the following questions;
 - a. What institutions are you likely to attend? – for each, list the school and its location.
 - b. What is your intended area of study, and why are you inspired to pursue this area? (Short Answer (no more than 300 words))
 - c. How did the ASPIRE program help you prepare for college? (approximately 300 words) *(if you did not utilize the ASPIRE program, please explain how you prepared for college)*
 - d. Please write a short essay including describing a financial, family, or personal obstacle that you have had to overcome (approximately 500 words).

Letters of reference are encouraged but not required.

All forms and information can be located at <https://www.nc-foundation.org/applications>

Review Committee

The review committee will include but not be limited to, a representative of the DePaepe family or a designee of the family, and the chair or vice-chair of the NCEF awards committee.

Announcements

The scholarship will be announced and presented at the scholarship awards ceremony for Clackamas High School by a representative of the DePaepe family or designee or an NCEF staff or board member. Scholars will be recognized on the Foundation website and social media.