

# CORINNE SIMASKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## Scholarship Announcement & Application

### PULLMAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

This is an annual scholarship given in memory of Corinne Simasko who was taken by cancer in her senior year at Pullman High School in the fall of 2007. This scholarship is meant to aid a student who most represents the ideals for which Corinne stood – love of learning and perseverance in the face of significant adversity.

#### **Award Criteria:**

- Be a graduating senior in 2018 at Pullman High School
- Be accepted into a 4-yr or 2-yr accredited institution of higher education (the school must award a Bachelors or Associates degree, vocational schools are not eligible). This award is to be used toward tuition.
- Have maintained at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale throughout their high school career. Students who dropped below 3.5 GPA due to adverse circumstances are encouraged to apply as the selection committee will consider the student's ongoing commitment to education in these situations.
- Demonstrate a love of learning and perseverance in the face of adversity.

*Students may also be nominated by teachers who feel students have met the ideals for which this scholarship was established. In the event of nomination, the teacher may submit the essay portion of the application on the student's behalf.*

**Amount of Scholarship:** **\$1,900** — Scholarship is to be used for tuition at the college or university of your choice during the 2018 fall semester. This scholarship **may be recurring** in the event there are no eligible candidates for the current senior class. Previous recipients are welcome to submit a supplemental application to see if they qualify for a continuing award. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the college of the successful applicant's choice on their behalf.

#### **Application Process:**

- Submit application form (back of this sheet)
- Submit Official Transcript
- Submit a brief essay addressing the criteria
- Applicants must submit at least two letters of reference by high school teachers.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** **April 13, 2018.** Turn in hardcopy application with any required materials at the Counseling Center. Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.

*Review of applicants is done by the PHS Scholarship Committee (which would include PEF). The Scholarship will be presented at the annual PHS Awards Night to culminate the year. The PULLMAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION reserves the right to alter, amend, withdraw or terminate this scholarship offer at any time and reserves the right not to award this scholarship, all within the sole discretion of the PULLMAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION.*

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## Application Form

### A. Personal Information:

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
4. Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Academic Record:

1. Class of 20\_\_\_\_\_
2. Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_ (please attach a transcript)
3. Please list special awards and achievements you have received/accomplished.

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### C. Submit a Brief Essay: The applicant should submit a brief essay (1-2 pages)

The first part of the essay should describe the nature of the adversity overcome by the student and describe the strategies used by the student to manage the adverse situation. The nature of the adversity could be a health issue, social issue, or any other issue that could reasonably be expected to distract and discourage a student in setting and/or achieving high standards and goals. Included in the essay should be a contact name and number of an appropriate individual so that the selection committee may verify the situation if they are not already familiar with the situation of the student. If sharing the details of the hardships suffered would prohibit a student from applying please meet with a school counselor or trusted teacher to help summarize the nature of the adversity. Details are not necessary to qualify an applicant for this award.

The second part of the essay should describe the student's educational goals and how they plan to use their education to further themselves and benefit society. Out of respect to the applicants, the information submitted in the essay is to be held in strict confidence by the selection committee.

### D. Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must submit at least two letters of reference by high school teachers attesting to the scholarly abilities of the student. Additionally, these letters may address, *but are not required to*, the hardships the student has overcome.

### E. Future Education

List schools you have applied to in the order of preference:

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