



# Friends of the Forest

*Dedicated to the preservation of the Anacortes Community  
Forest Lands through education, outreach & stewardship*

## 2018 Scholarship Instructions and Checklist

Please follow these instructions *carefully*. **Only COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

Applications are due in the AHS Counseling Center by **Noon on March 30, 2018.**

**(Use the checklist to verify that the required documents are included in your application)**

Please submit the following **REQUIRED** documents (#s 1-6 below) with your application:

- 1. **Personal Statement.** We want to get to know who you are, what makes you unique, and what your hopes and dreams are. This could include, but is not limited to how you've overcome challenges, or extenuating financial/family circumstances; your participation in sports and extra-curricular activities; previous work experience, be it babysitting or refereeing with Parks and Rec.; any other unique pieces of **YOUR STORY**.
- 2. **Résumé** that includes as many of the following as applicable:
  - School Activities
  - Awards
  - Community Involvement
  - Volunteer Activities
  - Employment History
- 3. **Transcript(s)**, including 2017-2018 1<sup>st</sup> semester grades. Transcripts must be stamped by the registrar, but should NOT be sealed. *Please do not submit transcripts in an envelope.*
- 4. **SAT and/or ACT score reports **OR**** a copy of report(s) stamped by the registrar.  
*(Required for graduating seniors only. SAT/ACT scores are optional for current college students.)*
- 5. **Student Aid Report:** Page 1 (**only**) of the 2018-2019 Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) which shows your EFC.
- 6. Completed Application form clipped to the front of the application packet.

### OPTIONAL Information:

- Recommendations:** You may include up to two (2) recommendations from a teacher, coach, employer, club advisor, pastor, etc. Recommendations on letterhead are preferred.
- Supporting Information Statement:** Is there anything else we should know? You may attach a one page supporting information statement to help us to know you and your circumstances better, or to explain any omitted documents. *Note: This document is not required.* In the past, students have used this option to explain extenuating family or financial circumstances, reasons for omitted documents (some students with plans to attend community college, for example, may not have SAT scores), etc.

### Please do NOT:

- Submit your application in any type of binder or folder
- Include photos, copies of awards or materials not specifically requested in the application  
(no part of the application will be returned)

**All scholarships awarded through the Anacortes Schools Foundation are sent directly to the school chosen by the award recipient. The funds can be used for qualified education expenses as defined by the IRS for tax-free scholarships. These expenses include tuition, required fees, and course related expenses (fees, books, & supplies), but exclude room & board and travel. (See IRS Publication 970 for more detail.)**



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→→→**Please attach this cover page to the front of your application**←←←  
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 Only COMPLETE applications, received by the deadline, will be considered.

## 2018 Scholarship Application and Cover Page

The Anacortes Community Forest Lands are a unique and natural treasure making the heart of Fidalgo Island. They include over 2800 acres of varied second growth forest, rocky bald meadows, lakes, wetlands, mountains and lowland old growth. There are over 50 miles of multiple use trails throughout the forest. The forest supports a rich community of wild life and wild plants, while inspiring a dedicated network of human involvement.

Friends formed in 1987 to "preserve, protect and enjoy" our community forest. Since that time, Friends has been instrumental in community forest awareness programs. Each year we provide a wide range of educational activities that promote a greater understanding of our forest environment.

We are pleased to offer, since 2009, a scholarship to an Anacortes High School senior or a graduate of AHS, currently enrolled in college. We are looking for a student who has enthusiasm and a desire to be involved in the natural environment. The purpose of this scholarship is to see our mission of environmental education, stewardship and outreach be carried forward to future generations.

**Criteria:**

- Graduating Senior or College Student
- Future studies related to the outdoors, environment, conservation or nature
- A background of classes, studies, volunteer work or time spent in the natural environment (through writing, art, photography etc.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School you plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted? Yes Not yet  
 (Circle one)

Intended Major or Area(s) of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

2018-2019 Tuition\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Room and Board\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*from school website—DO include out of state tuition, if applicable. Do NOT include books, travel, etc

How much of your tuition/room and board will be funded by the school or other government organizations \_\_\_\_\_

Not all ASF scholarships go to students with the highest grades. A main criterion of many awards is financial need. Tell us why you need financial help by checking off one or more of the following:

- I qualify for free or reduced lunch
- I have a unique family situation (see optional statement)
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)** from the FAFSA \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (required)
- I am a foster student

List of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester courses you are currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Read and Sign below:**

*I have reviewed my application and I verify that all required documents, per the checklist on the Application Instructions page, are included in my complete application. Furthermore, I attest that all the information I have provided is honest and accurate. I understand that my high school counselor may be asked to provide additional feedback to the scholarship committee.*

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_