

The Jerry Beckendorf Community Service Scholarship

Scholarship Guidelines

The Jerry Beckendorf Community Service Scholarship encourages future generations of Union activists and volunteers by recognizing outstanding student community service. Since 2003, more than \$132,000 has been raised to provide awards to 122 graduating seniors of Union families living in Pierce County. A long-time community leader, Jerry Beckendorf, retired from United Way of Pierce County after working 15 years as the United Way and Pierce County Labor Council's Labor Liaison. His commitment and efforts to build a better community continue to impact the lives of Pierce County residents.

The intention of this scholarship is to reward graduating seniors who are dedicated to giving back to their community through community service. Greater consideration is given to the quality and amount of community service done by each applicant. The scholarship committee seeks to recognize students who look beyond themselves and reach out to an issue faced by our society (i.e. poverty, food insecurity, homelessness). Volunteer service will be considered for leadership roles and can be defined as helping others when or where it is needed but does not necessarily address a social issue.

Scholarship Availability & Amount of Award

The scholarship is a one-time award. On average, seven scholarships are granted each year, totaling \$7,000 - \$10,000.

Scholarship Qualifications and Requirements

The primary award criteria are as follows:

- Applicant must be a high school student in Pierce County, Washington
- Parent(s) or *legal* guardian(s) must be a member of a labor union (guardians can be a grandparent or other family member)
- Student must plan to attend college or university, community college or junior college, trade, or technical school in the fall of 2019

Students applying for this scholarship must submit the following:

- Application form
- Parent or Legal Guardian's Union membership verification form
- Letter of recommendation
- Essay describing the overall impact of your community service, the leadership skills you have learned in the process, and your commitment to service
- Completed Community Service History form

Scholarship Application Submissions

All applications must be submitted by March 15th, 2019. They should be sent via e-mail to pcclc@harboret.com or through the U.S. mail, post-marked by March 15th, to our office located at 3049 South 36th Street, Suite 201, Tacoma, WA 98409.

Final Note to Applicants

We appreciate your interest in the Jerry Beckendorf Community Service Scholarship. If you have any questions about the application or the requirements, please e-mail us at pcclc@harboret.com or call our office at (253) 459-5107.

Union Membership Verification Form

This form must be completed by the parent or legal guardian of the applicant, verified by the union shop steward or local union representative, and submitted together with the application in order to qualify for the Jerry Beckendorf Community Service Scholarship. **The Scholarship Committee is not able to help in verifying your union membership. If you cannot obtain verification from your local union, please contact your international union.**

Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____
(Please type or print clearly)

Union Member Verification:

I, _____ verify that I have been a member in good standing of
(Name of Union member)
_____ Local # _____ since _____
(Name of Union)
_____ (Date)
(Signature of Union member)

Shop Steward or Local Union Representative Verification:

Attention Shop Steward or Local Union Representative:

This form is a required part of the Jerry Beckendorf Community Service Scholarship application package. Please complete it promptly and return it to the applicant for submission. **Applications without this completed form will not be considered.**

I verify the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature of shop steward or Local Union representative)

(Date)

(Print name of shop steward or Local Union representative)

(Day time phone number)

(Name of Local Union President)

(Day time phone number of Union)

(Address of Local Union)

(City)

(State)

(ZIP Code)

Community Service History

In the space below, please list your community service history beginning with most recent experience. Also provide a brief (1-2 sentences) description of service completed. If there is not enough room for all service experience, please attach on a separate sheet.

Date Performed: _____	Completed Hours: _____
Organization: _____	City, State: _____
Please describe your community service experience:	
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