

Alex Hudson Memorial Scholarship

Student Information

Description

The Alex Hudson Memorial Scholarship is for North Clackamas Schools students choosing to pursue a life and career in public service. Values that Alex's family wishes to honor in his memory include giving back to the community and service to others, especially people who are different or most vulnerable.

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 Alex Hudson. Alex was bright, gentle, and curious. Alex was a person with autism, and his path in life was not easy. He did not have the same educational opportunities as his peers or his sisters. Alex's impact on the lives around him brought laughter, care, and most importantly, grace. One of his sisters is a special education teacher in the North Clackamas School District, a career inspired by Alex. This scholarship is intended to inspire the recipient in a similar way.

Amount of the Award

The Alex Hudson Memorial Scholarship will award a \$1,000 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 Alex Hudson'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

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

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 are seeking a career in service to others.

Application Process (for high school seniors)

Applicants must submit:

- 1) A completed counselor recommendation form.
- 2) A completed Bridges to Success Scholarship application
- 3) 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?
 - c. Please write a short essay describing what inspired you to go into the area of service you have chosen to pursue (approximately 500 words).
 - 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.

Scholarship Administration (for internal use)

Outreach

NCEF will reach out to counselors and teachers in North Clackamas Schools as well as the community at large, providing information on the scholarship and encouraging staff to reach out to promising students and to encourage them to apply.

Application

Applications and teacher/counselor reference forms for each applicant will be due in the spring, and they will be reviewed by a review committee that Foundation convenes and supports. All forms and information will be located online at <https://www.nc-foundation.org/applications>.

Review Committee

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

Subsequent Awards

The amount of subsequent awards may be adjusted dependent on available funds.

Announcements

The scholarship will be announced and presented at the scholarship awards ceremony for the high school of the chosen recipient, by a representative of the Hudson family or designee or an NCEF staff or board member. Scholars will be recognized on the Foundation website and social media.