



**WESTERN COLORADO  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

## **Scholarship Guidelines**

### **Western Colorado Community Foundation**

[www.wc-cf.org](http://www.wc-cf.org)

The *Western Colorado Community Foundation* (WCCF) exists to promote charitable giving, to build and manage charitable endowment funds, and to provide grants, scholarships and other resources to benefit the residents and communities of Western Colorado. The foundation is regional and serves Delta, Eagle, Garfield, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray and Rio Blanco counties.

#### **Basis of Selection**

WCCF donors' interests and preferences drive the application process. Scholarships are granted for use at accredited colleges, universities and vocational schools.

**Fruita Rotary Club Scholarship:** Must graduate from Fruita Monument High School and be involved in Interact (Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people ages 14-18. The program gives young people an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends.) Two scholarships, \$1,000 each, non-renewable. **Deadline: April 23, 2010**

**Genevieve Clough Fellowship:** Awarded to graduating seniors from Coal Ridge High School, Rifle High School and Grand Valley High School. Financial assistance is available for vocational training programs, two-year associate degree and four-year college degree programs at not-for-profit institutions in any area of study of interest to the student. Student must have lived in western Garfield County for at least one year before high school graduation or completion of GED. Multiple scholarships are available. Any student with financial need is eligible to apply and scholarships are awarded to help the student with his or her post high school education. This scholarship has a separate application. Download application at [www.wc-cf.org](http://www.wc-cf.org).

**J. Robert Young Scholarship:** Awarded to graduating seniors from public high schools in areas served by Alpine Bank. Scholarships are based on financial need and are awarded to students seeking a business related degree who have a grade point average of 2.75 or above and plan to attend college in Colorado. Two renewable scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded in 2010. Winners must maintain a 2.75 GPA in college to be eligible for renewal of the scholarship. **Deadline: April 1, 2010; applicants are encouraged to apply early.**

**Jason Manspeaker Memorial Scholarship:** Awarded to a graduating senior from Montrose or Olathe High School who plans to complete his/her education in the field of nursing, criminal justice or business management at Mesa State College.

**Kay Armstrong Memorial Scholarship:** Delta County graduating high school seniors who have been active in community service and who are successful scholastically are eligible to apply. Five scholarships are given annually and are renewable for 4 years. One of the candidates chosen must be an aspiring teacher. Deadline to be announced.

**Laura R. Genelin Memorial Scholarship:** Awarded to a senior graduating from an Eagle County public high school with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, who wants to become a teacher or study health and medicine. The 2010 amount is \$1,000 and is non-renewable. **Deadline: April 1, 2010.**

**Lew Goodhart Memorial Scholarship Fund:** Established to benefit western Colorado residents with financial need who have completed at least 15 college credit hours and have a grade point average between 2.0 and 3.5. Other requirements include motivation toward goals and demonstrated financial need. Applications may be submitted from **April 15 to June 1** each year. Two non-renewable scholarships of \$1,000 are awarded each year. This scholarship has a separate application. Download the application at [www.wc-cf.org](http://www.wc-cf.org).

**Mike Williams Memorial Scholarship:** Awarded to a graduating senior from Fruita Monument High School who is strong academically, has an interest in science, teaching or music and embodies the “love of life” Mr. Williams was known for. One scholarship, \$1,000, non-renewable. **Deadline: April 23, 2010**

**Stewart/Watson/Wheeler Scholarship:** Delta County School District and Mancos School District graduating seniors with B+ average may apply. Those applying need to have a desire to better themselves, improve knowledge, learn a trade or profession, and provide for self and/or family. Students applying need to plan for enrollment in a public institution and not qualify for Pell grants and/or other federal or state assistance. Five \$1,000 scholarships available (4 Delta County, 1 Mancos), non-renewable. **Deadline: April 1, 2010 for Delta County, April 23, 2010 for Mancos**

## Read these instructions carefully and thoroughly

### 1. Application Form

Application must be complete to be considered. Attach additional pages if necessary.

### 2. Letters of Reference

Provide two letters of reference only.

- One letter from a teacher or academic advisor.
- One letter from a work or volunteer supervisor, a leader, or personal acquaintance.

Letters from teachers, advisors and employers must be on school or company letterhead. All letters must be signed and **dated**. Photocopies are acceptable. Letters may be sealed in their own envelopes.

### 3. Transcripts of Grades

All applications must include an **official** high school transcript. If you have taken college courses, an official college transcript must also be included for all work included. Photocopies and copies from the Internet are **NOT** acceptable. Please note that current work completed is what needs to be included. It is understood that the current semester in which you are applying will not be included.

### 4. Signed and Dated Personal Statement (ESSAY)

Include a typed statement of 2 or more pages, double-spaced. In the statement, you should:

- Describe why you want to go to college and three personal attributes you think will help you succeed in college.
- Describe your long-range goals and how furthering your education will assist you in reaching those goals. For the J. Robert Young scholarship, describe why you want to obtain a business-related degree.
- Comment on an accomplishment of which you are proud or activities in which you have been involved.
- Reflect upon any challenges you have faced and how you responded to them.
- Reflect on how you plan to give back to others and to your community after you have completed your education. You may also describe your current endeavors of giving to others and the community.
- PLEASE include any other information required for the scholarship for which you are applying (community service work, degree that you plan to pursue, etc.)

### 5. Financial Need

Evidence of family and/or personal income must be submitted with the application packet

- Enclose the first two pages of your parents or guardians' most recent IRS Form 1040 (as well as your own if you have filed a 1040, and a FAFSA document showing Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

### 6. Copies

You **must submit one complete copy** of all required materials **for each scholarship** for which you are applying. (It is recommended that you keep a copy of the completed application for your files.)

### 7. Interview

Applicants may be interviewed.

### Additional Requirements

8. Refer to each scholarship description for **additional required materials**.

# Western Colorado Community Foundation Common Application Form

Check the scholarship/s for which you are applying; PLEASE review pages 1 and 2 carefully, to make sure that you are eligible to apply for the scholarship(s) you have marked. If you are applying for more than one of the scholarships, mark this section LAST – separate completed copies must be submitted for each scholarship - (FILL everything in except checking the box, copy the number of completed applications that you need, then check the appropriate box.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stewart/Watson/Wheeler | <input type="checkbox"/> Laura R. Genelin | <input type="checkbox"/> Kay Armstrong   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruita Rotary Club     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Williams    | <input type="checkbox"/> J. Robert Young |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason Manspeaker       |   |  |

## APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

City State Zip Code

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATION

High School Name and City: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

SAT Scores: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable) (If applicable)

Educational Institution you attend or plan to attend in fall 2009:

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Choice-Name

Have you been accepted at your first choice? Yes  No  If no, when do you expect to be notified?  
\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Second Choice-Name of school

Have you been accepted at your second choice? Yes  No  If no, when do you expect to be notified?  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Intended major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Intended minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be attending college full-time? Yes  No  If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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Where do you plan to live next year?  On-campus  Off-campus  With parent(s)  other.

What career(s) are you considering? \_\_\_\_\_

What factors determined your choice of college? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider your academic strengths? \_\_\_\_\_

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

List awards and honors you have received and briefly explain their significance. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Award/Honor	Significance	Date Received

**SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT**

Please list school-related activities in which you have participated. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Activity	Honors and/or Positions Held	Dates of Involvement	Hours per Month

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Please list the principal community activities in which you have been involved. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Activity	Honors and/or Positions Held	Dates of Involvement	Hours per Month

**EMPLOYMENT**

Beginning with your present or most recent job, list your employment history.

Employer	Position	Dates of Employment	Hours per Week

To what use have you put your earnings?

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**HOUSEHOLD/ FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

It is strongly recommended that you fill out this section with a parent(s)/ guardian(s) if you are a dependent. Round all figures to the nearest dollar; do not enter cent amounts. Use the most recent income tax information or estimated current year values. Do not leave lines blank.

Name of parent(s) or guardian(s) with whom you reside:

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Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

\$	Cost of attendance for one year (including tuition, fees, room & board, transportation, etc.) at college of choice (If you do not yet know the college you will be attending, please estimate)
\$	Head(s) of household's total gross income
\$	Head(s) of household's total cash assets (cash, checking/savings account, stocks)
\$	Student's income (if not head of household)
\$	Student's total cash assets (if not head of household)
\$	Number in household your parent(s)/guardian(s) currently supports financially (including applicant)
\$	Number in household in a college degree/certificate program in 2009-2010 (including applicant)

Please list any Grants/Scholarships already received for upcoming academic year:

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Please describe any special circumstance that may affect your family's ability to pay for college (medical, divorce, unemployment, child support, other):

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**REQUIRED SIGNATURES:**

All of the information I have provided in this application is accurate and is subject to verification by scholarship provider at its discretion.

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I have read the scholarship descriptions on page 1, and I am ELIGIBLE to apply for the scholarship I marked. I have included a separate completed application form for each of the scholarships for which I want to be considered.

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Did you remember to...

- \_\_\_ mark a check in the  by the scholarship for which you are applying? (Each checked scholarship application must have a separate completed application form)
- \_\_\_ complete and sign the enclosed application form/s?
- \_\_\_ include 2 letters of reference?
- \_\_\_ include an OFFICIAL copy of the required transcripts?
- \_\_\_ include a SIGNED and DATED personal statement?
- \_\_\_ include financial information (parent/guardian and yours (if you file) IRS 1040), and a FAFSA document showing EFC?
- \_\_\_ remove staples from the application and keep the instructional part and only submit the completed application?  
Pages 4-7 ONLY.
- \_\_\_ submit one complete copy of all required materials for each scholarship?
- \_\_\_ make a copy of your completed application for your file?

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU PLAN ON APPLYING FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOLARSHIP –**

**ONE ORIGINAL APPLICATION FORM MAY BE COMPLETED WITHOUT CHECKING THE  FOR A SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIP. MAKE THE NECESSARY COPIES (# OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU PLAN TO APPLY). MARK THE APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP AND THEN MAIL YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION(S) WITH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO:**

**Western Colorado Community Foundation  
Scholarship Application  
PO Box 4334  
Grand Junction, CO 81502**

**Applicants being considered for scholarships will be notified by phone. Those who are not will be notified by mail.**