

SOLDOTNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/ VERA HOWARTH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

This scholarship fund is established in memory of Vera Howarth, a long-time resident of Soldotna, member of the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce, and much-loved, devoted member of the community. Awards will be made to students with a positive-upbeat personality and demonstrated community involvement, including civic activities, volunteerism, a general willingness to participate and determination to overcome difficulties while retaining a positive attitude.

The award is open to High School Seniors residing in the City of Soldotna who meet the criteria outlined below.

Awards are made to support tuition and fees for post-High School Education. Awards must cover specified costs not covered by other grants or scholarships. Applications are available in the High School Guidance Counselor's office. **Applications are due by 5pm, March 24, 2017.**

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA

Applicant must:

- (a) be a senior in high school in the City of Soldotna
- (b) pursue a post-secondary education at a university or technical school of choice, beginning in the Fall semester immediately following graduation,
- (c) possess a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8,
- (d) participate in community service,
- (e) demonstrate a positive attitude.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Applicant Must Submit:

- (1) The following completed application form, including attached essay.
- (2) A one-page letter of recommendation from two individuals attesting to student's positive attitude and with first-hand knowledge of student's community involvement. The letter must be type written and signed by its author.
- (3) Official transcript through senior year

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APPLICANT INFORMATION:

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| Name: | | | |
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| Address: | | | |
| Street | | | |
| City | | | |
| State Zip | | Phone: | |

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| GPA (1st Semester): | |
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| Social Security Number: | |
| Last 4 digits | XXX-XX- |

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| Years attending high school in the City of Soldotna | |
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FAMILY INFORMATION (Provide the following information where applicable.)

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| Father/Stepfather/Guardian | | | |
| Name: | | | |
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| Address: | | | |
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| Mother/Stepmother/Guardian | | | |
| Name: | | | |
| | Last | First | Middle |
| Address: | | | |
| Street | | | |
| City | | | |
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| Applicant Resides With: | Father <input type="checkbox"/> | Mother <input type="checkbox"/> | Both <input type="checkbox"/> |
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COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/VOCATIONAL PROGRAM INFO: List colleges/universities/vocational programs applied to **in order of preference:** Circle status of acceptance or give date notification is expected.

| School/Program Name: | Accepted (Y or N): | Notification Expected (Date): |
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Major area of study, program or degree you plan to pursue:

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Sources of funds to pay educational expenses (tuition, books, housing, etc.):

Please list sources including parental support, scholarships, student loans, savings, etc.

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ACTIVITIES:

Please identify community service and extra-curricular activities below, including years of participation and leadership. Please list the activity under the most appropriate category. If additional space is required you may include additional pages. **Please do not abbreviate.**

Volunteer community service:

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Awards, honors, special recognition:

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School activities, student government, athletics, etc.:

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Work experience (Indicate Dates of Employment, Employer, and Nature of Work):

| Employer | Dates of Employment | Nature of Work |
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Additional information:

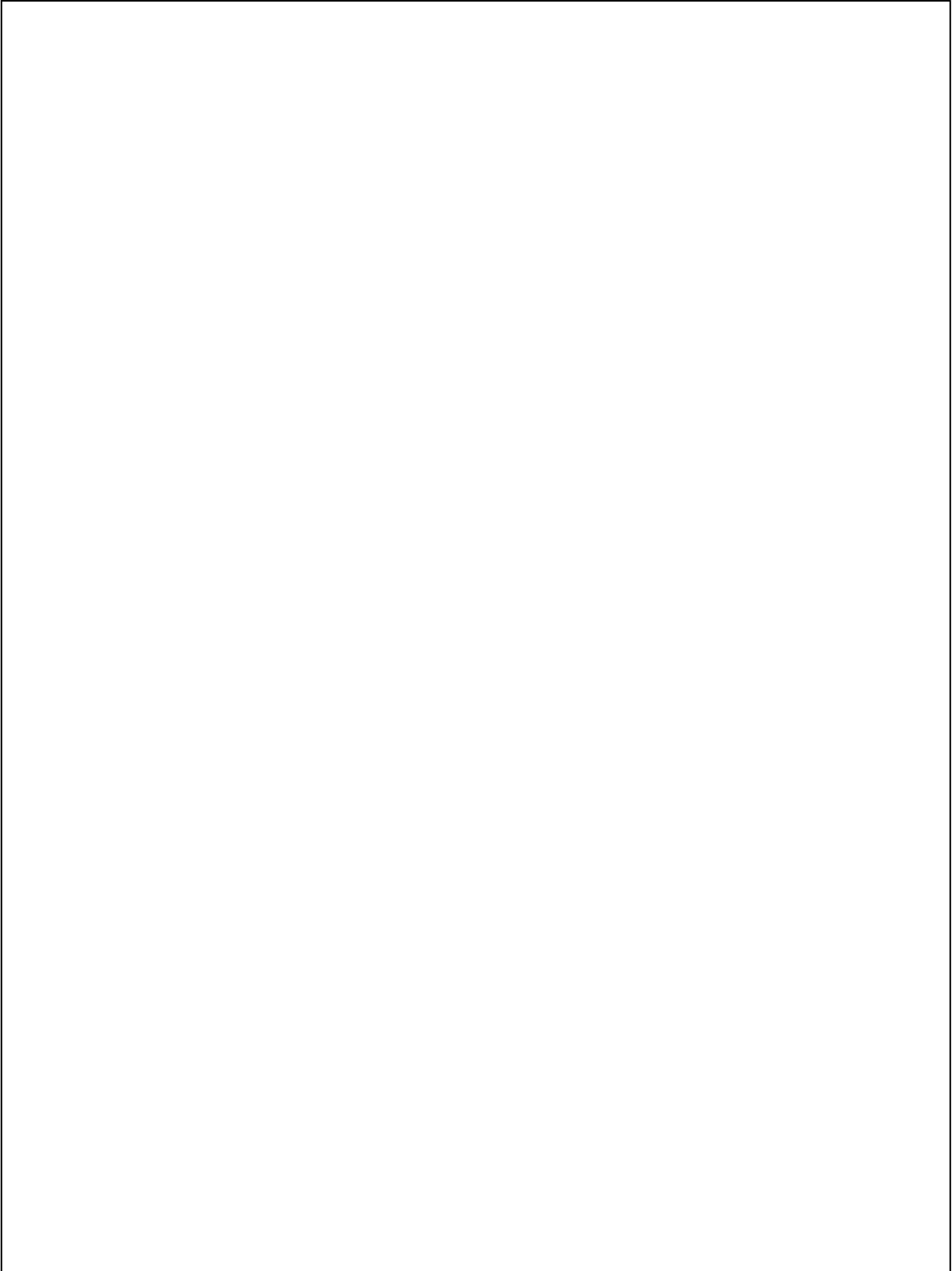
Discuss below any additional information or unique or notable circumstances, if any, which you believe should be considered by the Selection Committee.

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ESSAY:

Please attach a **typewritten** essay, not to exceed 1 page, on the following topic.

What does “community” mean to you?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the student to write their essay response to the question.

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Letter of Recommendation for: _____
Student Name

- 1. Please provide the student with a 1-page letter.**
- 2. Letters of recommendation must be included in the student's application packet and received in the Guidance Counselor's office by March 24, 2017. Letters not included in the student's application packet will cause the student to be ineligible for consideration.**
- 3. Please include Recommender's Name, Address, Phone, Length of time knowing student and in what context.**

The student has applied for a Soldotna Chamber of Commerce/Vera Howarth Memorial Scholarship. Selection will be based on factors such as, community service, leadership, and a positive, upbeat attitude. Please comment on your personal knowledge of this student's achievements, character, and potential, and why you believe this student should be selected. **Please submit your typewritten letter with this cover page.**