

# FAST FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP

## MISSION OF SCHOLARSHIP

The mission of the Fast Forward Scholarship Fund is to enable local students to pursue career opportunities which require post-high school training.

## SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFIERS

- Open to graduating seniors at Roaring Fork, Glenwood Springs, Bridges or Yampah High Schools or students obtaining a GED in 2017. Also open to graduates from the previously mentioned schools who have taken one gap year (even if you have not submitted an application at the end of your senior year).
- Also open to 2016 graduates from aforementioned high schools who have taken one gap year
- Students must pursue a one or two-year tech certificate, vocational training or two-year degree at an accredited school or training facility. Scholarships may be granted for the first two years of a three-year study if one year of prerequisites are required for admission into a two-year degree or certificate program.
- Eligible programs may include, but are not limited to: dental, or health care assistant; radiation tech: auto mechanics, welding, electronics, computer, network or control systems tech, CAD/CAM, cosmetology; culinary arts, digital media, veterinary technician etc.
- Students must give preference to Colorado Mountain College if applicable
- Students who plan to obtain a four-year degree are not eligible, however, first year costs may be covered for programs that exceed two years, such as apprenticeships which require course along with employment in a selected field.
- Students must be enrolled in the accredited school or training facility full time - a minimum of 12 college credit hours per semester or as required by the school to complete the program
- Students must exhibit good character traits and dedication to succeed in selected program.
- Student must exhibit financial need
- GPA, extracurricular activities and community service are not considered critical

## REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

All materials will be kept in confidence at Aspen Community Foundation.

- Completed application; go to “Scholarships” under the “Grantmaking” tab on ACF’s website
- Signed and dated personal essay
- Official school transcripts of grades (with school stamp)
- One signed and dated letter of recommendation
- Recent photo
- Copy of parents and applicants federal tax form 1040
- Copy of [FAFSA Student Aid Report](#) (if available)
- Submission deadline: March 30, 2017
- All applications for Glenwood Springs High School students are due March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

## IF SELECTED

- Scholarship awards generally range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, potentially renewable
- Scholarship recipients must provide semester and yearly progress reports/transcripts
- Future scholarship disbursements are dependent upon maintaining a 2.0 GPA or equivalent, which requires a transcript or progress report to be shared with the committee each semester.

- After graduation from the sponsored program, recipients must inform ACF and the Fast Forward Committee on their success and their evaluation and comments concerning the school attended.

#### **REVIEW AND SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Paul Bushong, Tom Neel, Ray Limoges, Susie Richardson, Craig Bushong, Jay Rickstrew and Susanne Morrison (as ACF Representative)