



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 4, 2021

Members Present: Kathy Coffman, Lyle Markhart, Neil Neroutsos, Josh Woods

Members Absent: Beverly Jagla, Chelsea Ewer

Staff Present: Rachel Evey, Ellora La Shier

Meeting called to order at 12:05pm.

1) INTRODUCTIONS

- A. Purpose of Committee: Chair Josh Woods reviewed the purpose of the committee, expected trainings, and time commitment for reviewing scholarship applications. The committee will focus on the philosophy and goals of the foundation's scholarship program.

2) NEW BUSINESS

- A. Overview of WVC Scholarship Program: Scholarship coordinator Ellora La Shier presented on the scholarship program as it is currently.

The foundation holds 70 scholarship funds, 63% of which are endowed (invested in perpetuity with scholarships allocated based on a spending policy) and 37% are annual (contribution made by donors every year to fund the scholarship). There were 5 new scholarships established in 2021, which is a record for the foundation (usually 2-3 new funds per year).

The foundation currently holds two application cycles. The main cycle is open November to February, awarding the majority of scholarship funds for the following academic year (e.g. apply in 2021-22 for funding in 2022-23). The fall cycle is open August to September. This cycle was started three years ago to serve students who decided to attend WVC after the main cycle has closed.

All scholarships are offered through one online application. The application software and foundation staff confirm which scholarships students qualify for based on the scholarship criteria. Volunteer reviewers (board members, faculty, staff, advisory committee members, community members) are trained and follow a scoring rubric to evaluate and rank applications. Each application is reviewed by at least two readers. Applications are "blind reviewed," meaning identifiable information is omitted.

For 2020-21, the foundation had 400 applications, and 100 students were awarded. Each year the foundation receives more applications than funding available.

In 2019-20, the foundation awarded \$344,797 in 117 awards to 94 students. In 2020-21, the foundation awarded \$280,764 in 113 awards to 92 students. 24 students received a renewal scholarship (they are receiving the award for the second year in a row). The majority of recipients are female, first-generation, Hispanic, over the age of 21, bilingual,

and reside in WVC's service district (Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan counties). 12% of recipients are DREAMers. 24% of recipients have children and/or dependents.

Ongoing goals and effective strategies for the scholarship program include eliminating the "treasure hunt" for students to access funding, prioritizing renewable awards, focusing on completion for recipients, and providing wrap-around support (e.g. advising, mentoring, etc.). Projects for this year include the scholarship committee's review of the program goals and provide guidance, data collection and analysis on recipients, align foundation endowments with spending policy and transfer college endowments to the foundation, and collaborate with campus partners for program improvements.

3) OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Report to the Full Board
 - i. Successful first committee meeting focused on learning the current scholarship process.
 - ii. Training will be held in February for volunteer scholarship reviewers. All foundation board members are encouraged to be a reviewer.
- B. Committee schedule
 - i. Next meeting December 6 at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 12:53pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Rachel Evey.

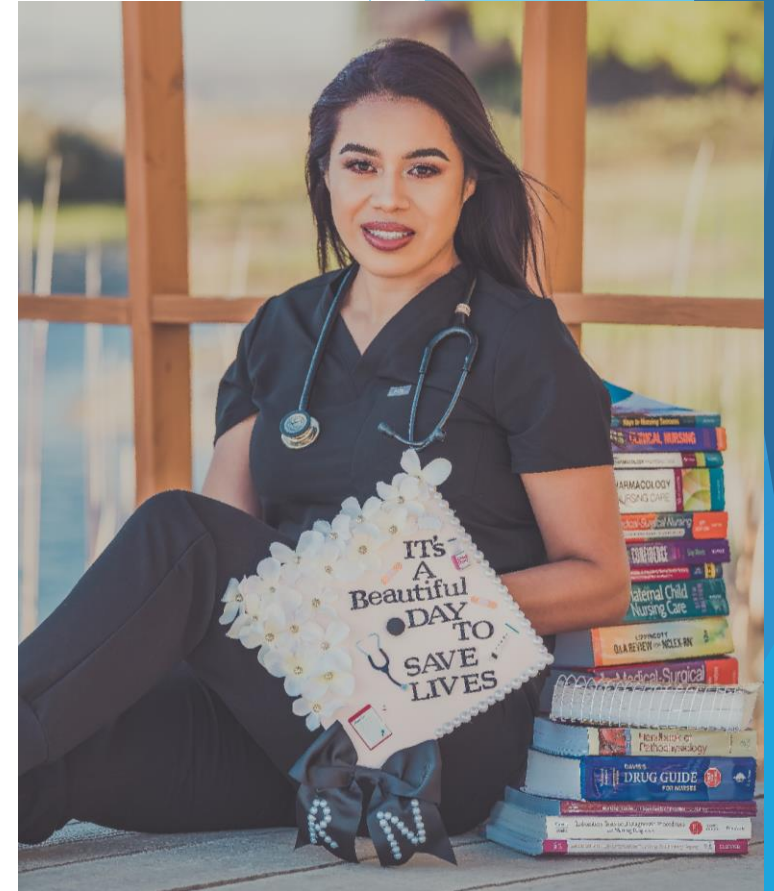
All About Scholarships

at the WVC Foundation

What is a scholarship?

(student perspective)

- ▶ Grant or payment made to support a student's education
- ▶ Does NOT need to be repaid
- ▶ Student must be enrolled in college
- ▶ Typically awarded on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, or future career plans



*Daniela
Scholarship Recipient*

What is a scholarship?

(Foundation perspective)

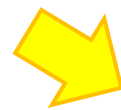
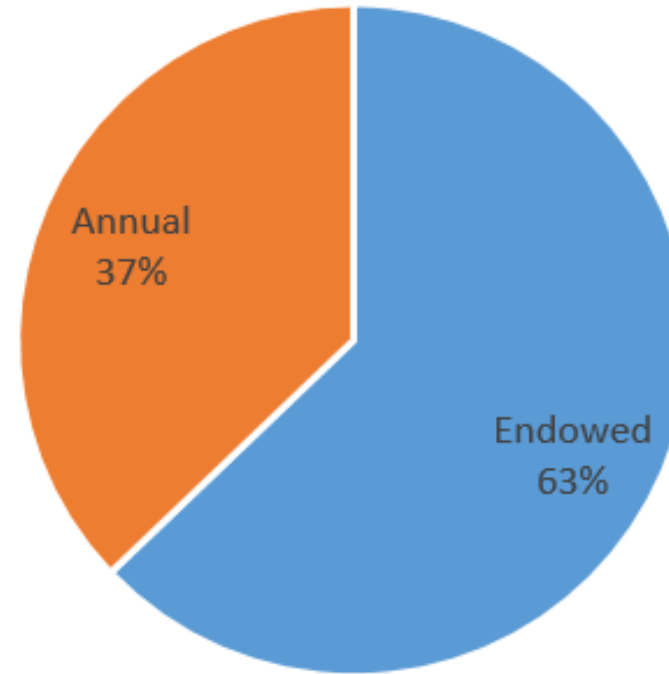
- ▶ Charitable gift
- ▶ Purpose designated by donor (typically)
- ▶ Must follow certain legal guidelines
- ▶ Largest program at WVC Foundation!



*Jack and Margie Davis
Scholarship Donors*

Scholarship Funds

- ▶ Oldest scholarship: 1979
- ▶ 70 funds
- ▶ Major Criteria:
 - ▶ Agriculture (5)
 - ▶ Allied Health (16)
 - ▶ Skilled Trades (10)
 - ▶ Music & Art (5)
 - ▶ Need-based (5)



**5 new scholarships
established in 2021!**

Scholarship Application Process

- ▶ Two cycles
- ▶ One application on AwardSpring
- ▶ ALL students eligible
- ▶ Volunteer reviewers
- ▶ Awarding procedures

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Scholarships

Sign In

Register

Applications are due February 21.

Sign In

Email

Password

[Forgot password](#)

Sign In

Don't have an account?

Register

WVC Foundation Awards

2019-2020

- ▶ \$344,797 awarded
- ▶ 117 awards to 94 students

2020-2021

- ▶ \$280,764 awarded
- ▶ 113 awards to 92 students
- ▶ 24 students received a renewal scholarship

Thank you so much for giving me the chance to grow in the career I feel passionate about, and for giving me hope that with dedication and determination everything is possible.

-Gabriela, 2021-22 Scholarship Recipient

Scholarship Recipients: 2020-2021

Total Recipients: 121

- ▶ 68% Female
- ▶ 53% First Generation
- ▶ 52% Bilingual
- ▶ 12% are DREAMers
- ▶ 24% have children and/or dependents
- ▶ 31% Graduated in 2021
- ▶ Average GPA Spring 2021: 3.33

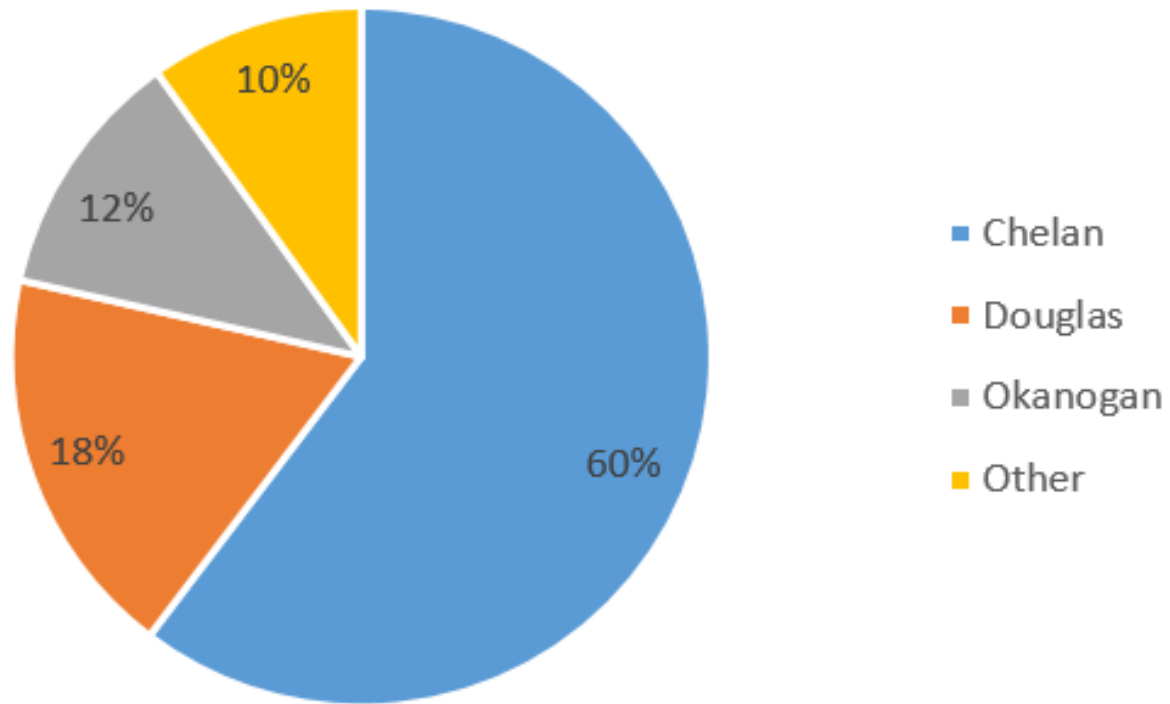


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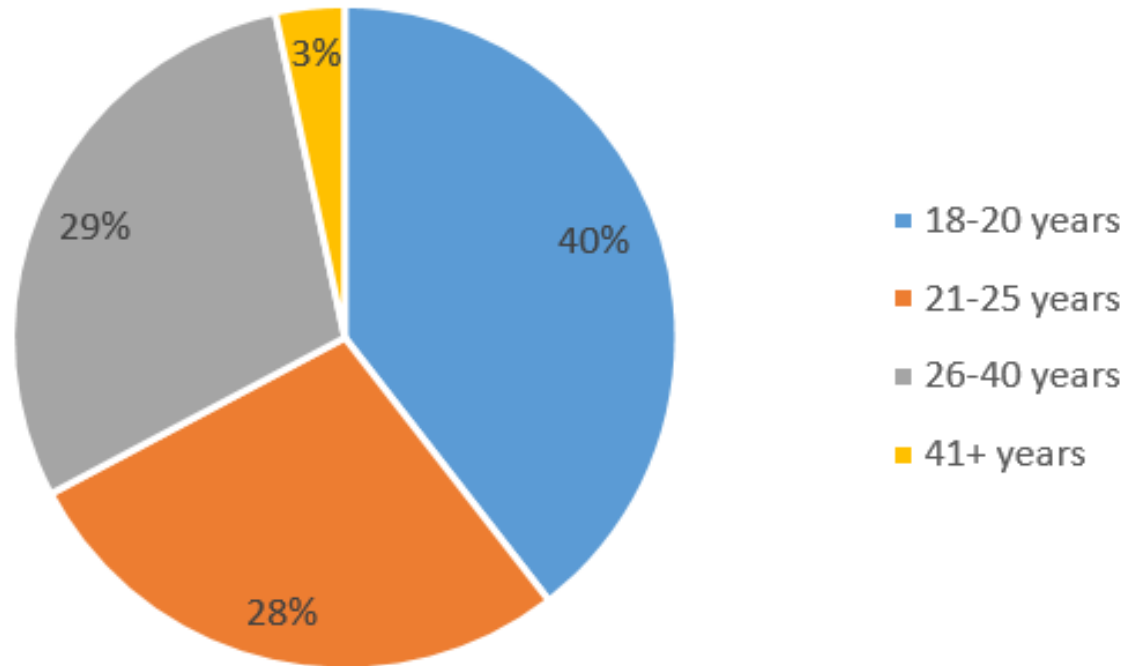
County of Residency



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Student Age at the start of Fall 2020



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- ▶ 27% of students identified as two or more races/ethnicities
- ▶ 56% of students identified as Hispanic, including: Mexican-American, Central American, South American, Spanish-Mexican, Chicano/a, and Latino/a
- ▶ 31% of students identified as white only

Effective Strategies

- ▶ Eliminate the “treasure hunt”
- ▶ Renewable awards + focus on completion
- ▶ Wrap-around support



2021-2022 Projects

- ▶ Inaugural board scholarship committee!
 - ▶ Program goals and guidance
- ▶ Recipient collection data and analysis
- ▶ Align WVCF endowments with spending policy
 - ▶ Transfer college endowments
- ▶ Campus collaboration for program improvements