

Helen M. Clancy Scholarship Foundation

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION INFORMATION - 2026

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THE HELEN MILLER CLANCY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION Helen Miller Clancy was a Vashon Island resident for over 45 years. Prior to coming to Washington, she was a kindergarten teacher with the Detroit Public School System. She was known by many of the Island nonprofit organizations as a generous donor. She made sizable gifts during her lifetime to the Vashon-Maury Island Senior Center, Vashon Allied Arts, the Soroptimist Club, Vashon Food Bank, Vashon Youth and Family Services and many others.

- Mrs. Clancy died in December 1993 and left a valuable legacy to Vashon Island youth by establishing the Helen Miller Clancy Scholarship Foundation. The major scholarship recipient(s) selected by the Foundation each year will be eligible for continuing funds throughout his, her or their college career if scholarship criteria continue to be met. Since 1995, its first year of grant making, the Foundation has awarded 263 scholarships totaling more than \$967,000 to Vashon Island students!

PRIOR RECIPIENTS of this prestigious scholarship are: 2025 – Selene Dalinis; 2024 – Molly Deines; 2023 – Zoey Wilson; 2022 – Emma Deines; 2021 – Corrine Ryan; 2020 – Isabelle Spence; 2019 - Lucinda J. Boyle; 2018 - Kieran Enzian; 2017 – Aria Garrett; 2016 – Hannah VanDusen; 2015 - Emalia Hinden; 2014 – Lliralyne McEachern; 2013 - Alec Spencer; 2012 – Jacob Gatemann; 2011 – Lizzy Corliss; 2010 – Christine Swope; 2009 – Calen Winn; 2008 – Ravenna Koenig; 2007 – Monditza Fournier, Gregory Pendergast; 2006 – Cameron Bard; 2005 – Quintin Barnes; 2004 – Emma Bean, Brittany Jackson; 2003 – Clay Leonard; 2002 - Marissa Griffith; 2001-David Ferris, Owen Farcy, Sarah Meier; 2000-Maranda Murphy, Caroline Slack, Ian Van Gelder; 1999- Krisa Gardner, Tegan Horan, Peter Kirkpatrick, Joseph McMullin; 1998-Anna Hancock, Kathryn Kirkland, Lisa Nourse; 1997: Julius Carlson, Meredith Cleland, Jolee Darrow; 1996-Corinne Broom, Julie Ling, Delaney Sullivan; 1995-Shanon Cox, Erin Mayberry, Rebecca Sears.

ELIGIBILITY The scholarship competition is open to seniors graduating from any high school who are residents of Vashon Island, Washington. Note that it is not a requirement to be a senior at Vashon High School.

SELECTION Students will be judged on the criteria of scholarship, financial need, leadership and other personal achievements.

AWARDS In 2025 the Board of Directors selected one applicant for an annual grant of \$6,000.00 for the duration of his/her educational training. Two other applicants received one-time grants of \$3,500.00, two more received one-time grants of \$1,000.00 and two additional people received grants of \$750.00. In 2026 the Board of Directors will select one applicant for an annual grant of at least \$6,000.00, at least one applicant for a one-time grant of \$3,500.00 or more, and at least two applicants for one-time \$1,000.00 grants. The continuing grant is conditioned on remaining in school as a full time enrolled student and maintaining a 'B' average. The amount and number of the scholarships is determined in January or February of each year by the Board of Directors at their annual meeting. Grants are never reduced.

APPLICATION PROCESS Applicants must submit the following materials postmarked or otherwise submitted by Fri., April 3, 2026:

- a completed application form can be obtained by writing or calling the above address or downloaded from www.HMCSF.org). You may also check with your college counselor.
- your high school transcript (unofficial is OK)

- a resume (details on application)
- a short essay- maximum 500 words (details on application)
- two letters of recommendation (details on application)

All mailings should be sent to the following address:

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Alternatively, complete applications may be emailed to HelenClancyFound@gmail.com

If you mail in your application, you should confirm that fact also at the above email address. (USPS has not been entirely reliable as of late).

Be sure to keep a copy of your complete application in case it is misplaced, lost, or waylaid.

Note that no application will be considered if it is postmarked or otherwise submitted after April 3, 2026.

SELECTION PROCESS Individuals will be notified of their selection for a personal interview on or before May 1, 2026. Personal interviews will take place around the middle of May. The 2026 recipients of the Helen Miller Clancy Scholarships will be selected from that group.

CONFIDENTIALITY. All information provided to the Helen Miller Clancy Scholarship Foundation by an applicant will be held in strict confidentiality with the exception of the names of the winners of the scholarships.

QUESTIONS. Questions concerning the application form, the selection process, or other issues may be addressed to David F. Cooper at (206) 463-3608, or at HelenClancyFound@gmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR APPLYING AND GOOD LUCK!