

TOM NEUMANN MEMORIAL SUMMER LEARNING FUND

APPLICATION

The Tom Neumann Memorial Summer Learning Fund will provide scholarships to Oak Park and River Forest High School juniors each year to participate in an intensive and extended (generally 5-8 week) development program of their choice during the summer between junior and senior year of high school.

The scholarship will fund:

The cost of the program itself, including tuition/program charges, transportation to and from the program and travel/health insurance (as needed). An additional stipend of \$250 per program week to compensate each scholarship recipient for lost wages from summer jobs during their program. The intent of the stipend is to make the learning experience accessible to students who normally work during the summer to contribute to their families or to their own cost of education. A maximum amount of \$6,000 is available per student.

The summer development programs must be structured and sponsored by respected organizations. Some possible programs could be Experiment in International Living, American Field Service, American Friends Service Committee Work Camps, music or art summer camps, science or language summer programs, Outward Bound, National Outdoor Leadership School camping programs, etc. The scholarships will not fund individual adventures such as independent cross-country or European travel.

Participants will be selected by the advisor of the fund with assistance from the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation, which manages the Fund. Interested students must:

- Complete the attached application.
- Enclose printed information about the program that they desire to attend, published by the program's sponsor.
- Provide a transcript of their high school record to date. (Scholarship decisions will not be based on grades alone).
- Provide a recommendation from one teacher stating why the teacher believes this student would benefit from such a program.

Student applying for this scholarship must:

- Be a current OPRFHS junior student interested in furthering academic accomplishments and/or personal development by pursuing field studies, trips or exchange programs during the summer between junior and senior year.
- Demonstrate financial need in the essay portion of the application. (The scholarship will not be awarded on the basis of financial need alone).
- Interview with a selection committee, if selected for final candidacy on the basis of application.
- Communicate their experiences with the Foundation in a written report after completion of the activity.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ email _____

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Please respond to the following. Use additional paper if needed. (You may identify up to three potential programs. Please indicate which is your first choice and why).

1. Describe in detail the proposed activity and why you selected it.
2. State how you believe you will benefit from this activity.
3. Identify experiences you have had that will prepare you for this activity.
4. Total cost of this project:
 - Program cost: _____
 - Transportation to/from program _____
 - Other program-related costs _____
 - Stipend/lost wages compensation _____

Total amount requested: _____

Explain and itemize the total costs and how the amount requested would be spent.

5. Explain your financial need and any other actions you have taken to obtain money for the activity. Please include any supporting documents.

Enclose this cover page, with narratives, high school transcript, teacher recommendation, and information from sponsoring organization, to the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation at the address below:

Tom Neumann Memorial Summer Learning Fund
c/o Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation
1049 Lake St., Suite 204
Oak Park IL 60301

For questions, contact David Weindling, Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation: (708) 848-1560 or advisors@oprfcf.org.