

Girdwood, Bird, Indian, & Portage

Community

Service

Scholarship

Four Valleys Community School and the **Girdwood Turnagain Arm Lions Club** sponsor a scholarship program to recognize graduating seniors in the Four Valleys area (Girdwood, Bird, Indian, and Portage) for their community service. For 2020, two (2) scholarships will be available in the amount of \$1000 each.

The **Four Valleys Community School, Inc.** program provides high-quality cultural, recreational, and educational activities for the communities of Girdwood, Bird, Indian, and Portage. This is accomplished through dedicated volunteers meeting the multiple needs of our residents. Community development, interagency cooperation, K-12 enrichment, and life-long learning are the foundations of our organization.



The **Girdwood Turnagain Arm Lions Club** is a part of the International Association of Lions. They are dedicated to serving the needs of the community through volunteer projects such as the Lions Day Park, eyeglass recycling, the Adopt-a-Highway program, Christmas baskets, and other community service activities.

Applications must be postmarked by
Friday, April 17th, 2019

For questions, contact the FVCS office at awade@fourvalleys.org

Mailing address is PO Box 790, Girdwood, Alaska, 99587.



“I can honestly say that my college experience has allowed me to grow both academically and personally... Thank you so much for giving me the gift of higher education”

~ Kyle Milne, 2014 Community Service
Scholarship recipient

The ideal candidate has a positive influence on the local community through volunteerism or other projects and is involved with extracurricular activities.

ELIGIBILITY:

- **Applicant must be a full time resident of the Four Valleys area (Bird Creek, Indian, Girdwood, Portage).**
- Applicant must be a graduating senior at an accredited institution. This includes Anchorage School District high schools, as well as State of Alaska/Municipality of Anchorage charter and home schools.
- Applicant must demonstrate prior involvement in community service activities, being a peer leader, and a positive influence in the community.
- Applicant will be enrolled full-time in a post-high school institution within six (6) months of graduation.

APPLICATION: Applicants must submit the following, either mailed to FVCS P.O. Box 790, Girdwood, AK 99587 , or emailed to awade@fourvalleys.org:

- Biographical sketch including personal history, special interests, description of jobs held and **community service**, plus ambitions and future educational plans (450-500 words).
- Two (2) letters of recommendation. Acceptable sources include classroom teacher, guidance counselor, and other adults. These letters may be directly emailed to awade@fourvalleys.org
- Transcript of classes, if possible.

SELECTION COMMITTEE: The committee will be composed of three to four (3-4) members, from the FVCS Board, the Lions Club and/or one (1) other interested community adult (without conflict of interest). One (1) member will serve as Chairperson. Interviews will be conducted via conference call or video call via Zoom.

BASIS FOR FINAL SELECTION:

Community Service	50 points
Leadership	20 points
Finalist Interview	20 points
Evidence of Personal Growth	10 points

The scholarship committee will call the top five candidates for individual interviews. The scholarship committee may retain the selected entries.

AWARD NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT: Decision will be rendered by May 8th, 2020. All applicants will be notified of award or non-award by telephone call with a letter follow-up. Upon verification of full time enrollment status of the applicant by the institution, the check will be mailed to the Financial Aid Office of the higher education institution **or** will be made jointly payable to the applicant and the institution.

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