

# Community Service Scholarship



**Available for graduating seniors in the four valleys area (Girdwood, Indian, Bird, and Portage)**

**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 2021, 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 due by Friday, April 9, 2021**

**FVCS mailing address:**

**PO Box 790, Girdwood, Alaska, 99587**

**Questions? Contact Ashley Wade, FVCS Program Coordinator at [awade@fourvalleys.org](mailto:awade@fourvalleys.org) or at 907-382-7773**

## **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 the 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.
- Applicant must be a United States citizen.

### **APPLICATION**

Applicants must submit a scholarship folder containing:

- 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 written and signed. Acceptable sources include classroom teachers, guidance counselors, and other adults.
- Transcript of classes.
- Interview with selection committee via Zoom
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### **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.

### **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 April 23rd, 2021.

All applicants will be notified of award or non-award by telephone call with a letter follow-up. With your application, you agree that FVCS and Lions Club will be allowed to photograph the winner and publish the same for use on social media. 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.