

Joe Eben Corliss – Entrepreneurial Scholarship
\$10,000 Scholarship towards four years of School

Application

Introduction

The Joe Eben Corliss – Entrepreneurial Scholarship provides \$2,500 per year for four years to help a deserving Sumner or Bonney Lake High School graduate. In addition, the scholarship provides opportunities for mentoring, training, and internships in a variety of business settings. This is a non-traditional scholarship intended for students with strong entrepreneurial and unique skills as demonstrated in non-traditional ways. Grade point average will not be a factor in award consideration, however the student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. Factors such as significant employment success, unique and non-traditional classroom excellence, exceptional senior project accomplishment, demonstration of entrepreneurial spirit and endeavors, and commitment to learning and accomplishment will be important in the selection process. Students must attend an accredited four-year college or university.

Application Process

Consideration of all students will be based on nominations from an adult teacher, employer or mentor sponsors. In addition to the sponsor, the names of two additional adult references must be provided. Sponsors and references may not be relatives of the nominee. At least one of the adults (sponsor or reference) must be a non-academic source. References will be contacted by the selection committee for comments and should not submit additional material with the application.

Applications will be reviewed and students will be interviewed prior to their respective High School's Senior Awards Night.

Finalists for the scholarship may be asked to complete a learning style profile to be administered under supervision of the Sumner-Bonney Lake Education Foundation. The results of the profile will be used to assess the applicant's learning, management and organizational styles. The results will be used by the selection committee. Individual results may be shared with finalists at the discretion of the Foundation.

The selection committee will consist of representatives of the Corliss family and members of the Sumner-Bonney Lake Education Foundation Board.

Scholarship Administration

The Scholarship is being administered by the Sumner-Bonney Lake Education Foundation.

The scholarship will be sent to the student's college of choice in the summer prior to attendance. The scholarship is \$2,500 per year. Students must take a full-time course load and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 in order to receive the scholarship in the subsequent year. The student may take a one-year, one-time deferral of no more than one year during their four-year career in order to retain eligibility. The student will be required to remain in contact with the Foundation during the duration of the scholarship. The student may change majors or fields of study during their term of school, but must notify the Foundation of any changes. The scholarship can not be extended to fund more than 4 years of study.

Mentoring

In addition to the scholarship, the recipient may have mentorship opportunities with the sponsor's companies and vendors. These could include job shadowing, internships and paid employment, special training, and individualized coaching. These will be developed in the subsequent four years based on the unique needs of the recipient and opportunities with the sponsor. The scholarship recipient is responsible for contacting the Foundation and arranging the mentoring.

Inspiration

This scholarship is named in honor of Dr. Joe Corliss, was a 1950 graduate of Sumner High School. He attended Washington State University and graduated from the Illinois College of Optometry. He went on to become a highly regarded Doctor of Optometry, building an established practice and business in Auburn, retiring in 2002. Dr. Corliss was a life-long resident of Sumner with a strong commitment to education. He served 16 years on the board of directors of the Dieringer School District and was active in Rotary and Boy Scouts. He had leadership roles in Investco Financial Corporation, Evergreen Capital Trust, and the Bank of Sumner. He had three sons, Michael, Gregory, and Robert.

Dr. Corliss's son Michael founded this scholarship in honor of his father. A highly successful businessman and Sumner High School graduate himself, Michael credits much of his success to the examples set by his father in his business and community relations.

Application

Student Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ Email address: _____

Parents: _____ Sponsor Name: _____

Academic Experience

GPA: _____ (Sumner High School will provide student transcripts)

Student Activities (include school and non-school activities):

(No more than two additional pages)

Work Experience

Provide your work experience. Ideally, attach a resume.

College /Career goals:

Major/Field of Study: _____

Potential/Intended College(s): _____

How do you plan to pay for future years of college?

Why would this scholarship be a good investment in you and your future?

If you were given a chance to “make a difference in the world”, what would you do?

Give the names of two adult individuals who are familiar with the student’s academic and/or work experience and who can speak to his/her skills and abilities. Do not include family members. One person should not be an academic reference.

Reference 1

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

How do you know this person?_____

Reference 2

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

How do you know this person?_____

Sponsor Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____

Sponsor Email: _____

Questions to be completed by the sponsor:

The total of your responses should be no longer than three pages.

1. How do you know this student? In what settings (e.g., work, school, etc.) have you been able to observe and know this student? Please describe.
2. Why are you sponsoring this student? How has this student demonstrated strong entrepreneurial skills and experience? (Please share specific examples of this student's interest in learning, resourcefulness, drive to succeed, and entrepreneurship.)
3. Describe at least one entrepreneurial project or achievement where the student demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit (see definition of entrepreneur.)
4. How would this scholarship be a good investment?