



Friends of Northwest Association of Special Programs

Pearl M. Hill Memorial Scholarship

Pearl M. Hill attended the public schools of Portland, Oregon and was an Upward Bound student at the University of Oregon in Eugene. After completing high school, she attended the U. of O., graduated and later became the director of the Upward Bound program there. She served in that position for 24 years helping hundreds of first generation and low income youth gain access to a college education. Pearl's passion for her work lead her to become the founding president of the Northwest Association of Special Programs (NASP), the regional association of TRIO programs in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and a member of the founding committee of TRIO's national association, the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations (NCEO), known today as the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE). Pearl served as its first secretary and sat on its founding board of directors. In 1982 she was among the first TRIO grads to be recognized by the Council as TRIO Achievers. Pearl remained active in TRIO until her health declined. She died in November of 1999 but will long be remembered for her legacy of advocacy, tenacity and tireless leadership in establishing NASP and NCEO (COE) as "the voice that responded to or spoke on behalf of TRIO and TRIO-type students and programs."

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Pearl M. Hill Memorial Scholarship for Upward Bound Students (\$500)

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Candidates must be current or former UB project participants (minimum of 2 years) from Region X (**AK, ID, OR, and WA**).
2. Candidates must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a program of post-secondary education by Fall 2010.
3. Candidates should exhibit those qualities which indicate outstanding leadership ability, civic involvement, and commitment to higher education goals.
4. Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above from the most recent school attended.

Required Application Materials

The Pearl M. Hill Memorial Scholarship applications submitted by candidates must contain sufficient information to allow selection committee members to conduct a meaningful evaluation of applicants' qualifications. To achieve this candidates should provide the following:

1. A personal statement (not to exceed two pages) addressing the following: Upward Bound participation, career and education goals, evidence of leadership skills, and financial need.
2. A completed Nomination Form
3. A completed Activity Sheet listing school activities, talents, community service, and work experience with corresponding leadership positions held.
4. Academic Transcripts (high school and college)
5. Two letters of recommendation addressing your leadership ability: one from the person nominating you and one from a teacher, advisor or community person knowledgeable of your leadership/academic skills.
6. Optional: Other letters of support, certificates/awards, news items, etc.

Nomination Guidelines

1. Nominations submitted by current NASP members only.
2. Only two (2) nominations allowed from each Region X TRiO project.
3. Required application materials must be received by the Committee Chair on or before **October 16, 2009**. Application materials should be mailed to:

Yakima Valley Community College
Attn: Marc Coomer, Asst. Dean-Support Programs
PO Box 22520
Yakima, WA 98907-2520

Applications and letters may be sent as e-mail attachments to: mcoomer@yvcc.edu

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Fall 2009 Nomination Form Due: October 16, 2009

Candidate's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Hm. _____ Wk.

Upward Bound Program: _____

Dates of Participation: _____

Post-secondary institution currently enrolled in or will enroll in for Fall 2010:

Academic Major: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Hm. _____ Wk. _____

Signature of Nominator: _____

Project Director's Name: _____

Project Director's Signature: _____

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