



**Call for Applications
for the
Cocoa Morris Memorial Scholarship
Academic Year 2023-2024**

The Cocoa Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund will make an annual award to support LGBTQ+ students in Benton and Franklin counties attending an accredited university or trade school or other skill-based program such as a technology bootcamp.

Eligibility requirements:

- The applicant must be a resident of Benton or Franklin County.
- The applicant must be a full-time high school senior entering their freshman year of college or a returning college student or have a break of no more than 18 months between completion of high school and beginning of college or a certification program.
- Applicant must enroll as a full-time student in an accredited college, university, or trade school or other skill-based program such as a technology bootcamp.
- Applicant must have a cumulative 2.75 GPA (on 4.0 scale).

A single \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded.

**3 Rivers Community Foundation
Cocoa Morris Memorial Scholarship
Academic Year 2023-24**

To apply, please provide the following:

Application Form (Attached).

Essay. Write an essay (500 to 1000 words) telling us about your achievements, interests, and academic/career goals.

References. Please include two reference letters with your application. These letters should be from people who know you through your academic or employment experience or your community leadership and participation. Please do not include relatives as references.

Transcript. Your full transcript from the school you are currently attending can be enclosed with your application or mailed directly to the 3 Rivers Community Foundation.

Deadline: Applications will be accepted from January 1 through April 28, 2023. Send the fully completed application, plus letters of reference and school transcripts to:

Cocoa Morris Memorial Scholarship
3 Rivers Community Foundation
7401 W Hood Pl, Suite 140
Kennewick, WA 99336

Final Selection: The selection is expected to be completed in June with notification to the award recipient by letter in July.

Payment: Payment of the scholarship award will be made directly to the institution in the recipient's name. Payment will be submitted following receipt of verification of enrollment.

Verification. I affirm that the information included with my application is true and accurate in all respects and that I intend to pursue a post-secondary degree. I understand that if selected, the awarding of funds is contingent upon my full-time enrollment in an accredited institution or skill-based program, and that the funds will be paid directly to the institution and used toward the cost of my education.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Cocoa Morris Memorial Scholarship Academic Year 2023-24

Application Form

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Is it safe for you to receive mail at this address? _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Sexual Orientation:

- Lesbian
- Gay
- Bisexual
- Queer
- Questioning
- Asexual
- Pansexual
- Other Sexual Orientation

Gender Identity: _____

Do you identify with the same gender you were assigned at birth? _____

What are your gender pronouns?: _____

Current High School Students

Name of High School: _____

Cumulative GPA (4.0 Scale): _____ Graduation Date: _____

Where are you planning to use your scholarship?

Include a copy of your acceptance letter if you have already applied and have received your confirmation.

Continuing College Students

Name of school: _____

Current GPA (4.0 Scale): _____ Major: _____

Please describe school activities, awards, and accomplishments (use additional pages if necessary):

Please describe your work experience (use additional pages if necessary):

Personal Statement – Tell Us What Defines Who You Are? (500 to 1000 words, use additional pages if necessary)

Tell us about yourself, what we should know about you that we couldn't read in your transcript and answers to the application questions. Use the following prompts as inspiration, you are not expected to cover all these questions in one essay

- What draws you to pursuing more education?
- What are your career plans and how does this area of study contribute to your plans?
- How will your studies or career plans help you make a positive change as a part of the LGBTQ+ community?