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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Call for Applications
Erin Steinert Memorial STEAM Scholarship

The purpose of the Erin Steinert Memorial STEAM Scholarship is to support tuition and fees for a student graduating from Benton and Franklin counties who are in the pursuit of a degree or certificate from an accredited program in science, technology, engineering/architecture, arts, or mathematics.

The criteria for application include the following:
- The student must be a resident of Benton or Franklin County.
- The applicant must be entering their freshman year of college or be a returning college student
- The student must have earned a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher (on 4.0 scale)
- Applicants should intend to major in science, technology, engineering/architecture, arts, or mathematics.

To apply, please provide the following:
Application & Narrative Questions (Attached).
Essay: Submit an essay (500-1000 words) telling us about yourself, your academic path, key achievements, and future goals in a STEAM field. Include how your chosen program will help you reach those 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 must be stamped with an official seal and can be enclosed with your application or mailed directly to the 3 Rivers Community Foundation.
Deadline: The completed application, plus letters of reference and school transcripts, must be postmarked by March 31, 2026. Materials postmarked after this date will not be considered.

 Send the fully completed application to:

3 Rivers Community Foundation
7401 W. Hood Place, #140
Kennewick, WA 99336

Decision notification letters will be sent in May. **One $1,000.00 award will be distributed.** The scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the institution in the recipient's name, upon receipt of enrollment verification.

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, and that the funds will be paid directly to the institution and used toward the cost of my education.

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Signature   Date

Contact Information

Full Name:

DOB:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

What is your preferred method of contact:

☐ Phone

☐ Email

☐ Text Message

☐ Mail

I agree to respond promptly to any requests regarding enrollment verification, documentation, or other materials required to support my scholarship application or award process.

If I cannot be reached, I authorize the scholarship committee to contact the individual listed below:

Full Name:

Relationship to Applicant:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

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Signature   Date

Education Information

Select your current status:

☐ High School Student ☐ College Student

If you are a high school student, please complete the following:

Current High School Name:

Cumulative GPA (4.0 Scale):

Graduation Date:

Intended College or University:

Student ID Number (if available):

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

If you are a college student, please complete the following:

Current College or University:

☐ Freshman

☐ Sophomore

☐ Junior

☐ Senior

☐ Graduate Student

Student ID Number:

Cumulative GPA (4.0 Scale):

Major or Area of Study:

Name of High School Graduated From:

High School Graduation Year:

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Signature   Date

Narrative Questions - You may use additional pages if necessary.

Please describe academic activities, awards, and accomplishments:

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Please describe your work experience and/or leadership experience:

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Essay

(500-1000 words) additional pages may be used if needed
Please share your story, including your academic journey, accomplishments, and plans for your future in a STEAM-related field (science, technology, engineering/architecture, arts, or mathematics). Describe the goals you've set for your education and career, and explain how you intend to achieve them through your chosen program of study.

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