Blue Mountain Action Council/Walla Walla Community College
Scholarship Application 2012-13

**Purpose:** Provide funding assistance to Skill Steps students who successfully complete milestones and are on track to transition to I-BEST or college programs. Students meeting the program and academic requirements are eligible to receive the scholarship at any time.

**Criteria:**
1. Applicant must regularly attend classes.
2. Applicant must complete scheduled CASAS and COMPASS assessments.
3. Applicant must attend regularly scheduled meetings with achievement and career coaches.
4. Applicant must demonstrate positive program involvement, determined through program participation and letters of recommendation.

**Application Packet:**
Applicant must submit the following items:
1. Letter of application addressed to the Skill Steps scholarship review team. The letter should contain a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information. Follow the instructions provided on the application form.
2. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly) and all materials requested as part of the application packet.
3. Two letters of recommendation from program teachers, achievement coach, career coach, employers, and/or individuals with significant knowledge of applicant’s experience and involvement in the program.

**Application Packet:**
Once you have personally delivered your scholarship application packet to the Director of Transitional Studies at Walla Walla Community College, your application packet will be reviewed to make sure that it is complete. Incomplete scholarship application packets will be returned students within 10 days.

Once your application packet is considered complete, your references will be contacted. Once your references have been contacted, a member of the scholarship review team will notify you whether you have been awarded the scholarship.

If you have any questions after you submit your application packet, please talk to your Skill Steps Achievement Coach.
### Skill Steps Scholarship Application

Please **type** or **print** your answers. If application is illegible it will be returned to you. If the application is incomplete, it will be returned to you.

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| 2. | Mailing Address:  
Street: ________________________________  
City:  
State: ZIP:  
ZIP: |
| 3. | Daytime Telephone Number: ( ) |
| 4. | Date of Birth: Month  
Day  
Year |
| 5. | When did you enroll in the Skill Steps program?  
Number of months attended: |
| 6. | I will be enrolling in the following courses/program: ________________________________  
My program advisor will be: ________________________________  
- Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment is required prior to receipt of scholarship funds.  
- Include a program information sheet as part of your application packet.  
- Include a program cost summary sheet as part of your application packet. Program costs include tuition, fees, books, tools and other materials required by the program. |
| 7. | Duration/length of program: |
| 8. | How do you plan to fund expenses beyond those covered by the scholarship? How will you cover living and school expenses for the next 12 months? |

Use an additional sheet if you need more room to complete this question.
9. How did Skill Steps help you to achieve your goals?

Use an additional sheet if you need more room to complete this question.

10. • The following items must be attached to this application.
    • Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application.
    • Circle “YES” or “NO” to be sure you have attached each item as required.

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<td>2. Two (2) reference letters/letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation must be provided in a sealed envelope and included as part of this application packet.</td>
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<td>COMPASS assessment (include a copy of your scores with this application packet).</td>
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<td>Proof of college program acceptance. Refer to #6. Make sure that all three elements mentioned in #6 are included as part of your application packet.</td>
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| Personal Statement/Letter of Application Using the standard 5 paragraph format, include the following in your cover letter:
  I. Introduction that clearly states that you are applying for the $1,000 Skill Steps Scholarship.
  II. Biographical/Background Information
      a. How did you get here? Share some personal history.
      b. Why did you connect with Skill Steps?
  III. Career Goals
      a. What are your long term career goals?
      b. How will your education/program plan help you achieve your long term career goals?
      c. Why did you select this career path?
  IV. How will Skill Steps continue to help you achieve your long term goals?
      a. Will you continue seeking academic support in the Skill Steps classroom?
      b. What kinds of resources will Blue Mountain Action Council (and possibly other organizations) continue to provide while you are participating in this education/training program?
      c. How will the $1,000 scholarship help you?
      d. Are there any other scholarships or grants that will assist you?
  V. Conclusion that summarizes some of your primary points mentioned in the body of the letter and then thanks the scholarship review team for taking the time to consider your request. |

Signature of scholarship applicant: ________________________________ Date: ____________________