

YES! I would like to support Bellingham Student's futures with my gift to the Bellingham's Dollars for Scholars Fund of the Whatcom Community Foundation.

- \$10,000 \$500 My check
 \$5,000 \$250 (payable to Whatcom
 \$2,500 \$100 Community Foundation
 \$1,000 Other _____ (with BDFS noted in the
memo section) is enclosed.

Please direct my contribution to:

- Existing Endowed Scholarship _____
Name of existing scholarship
 BDFS Annual Fund
 I am interested in establishing a Non-Endowed or Endowed Scholarship, please contact me.
 My employer may match my gift.
 Please send me information on how to include BDFS in my estate plan.

Name (as you wish it to appear in donor recognition lists)

- Please do not list my name

E-Mail Address

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Day Phone

Home Phone

- Please send me more detailed information on the various options Whatcom Community Foundation offers donors wishing to improve our community.

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You can make a difference in the lives of Bellingham's young people.

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WHAT DO WE DO?

Bellingham Dollars for Scholars (BDFS) was established in 2002 to provide scholarships to deserving graduates from Bellingham's four public high schools. Since that time, BDFS has awarded 380 scholarships totaling more than \$300,000. In 2009, BDFS became a program of the Whatcom Community Foundation. This new relationship combines the skills and dedication of BDFS volunteers with the professional experience and administration of the Foundation.

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WHY GIVE

Your Scholarship Through Bellingham Dollars for Scholars?

BDFS benefits everyone involved:

DONORS

Greater visibility – BDFS works to promote and recognize its donors, their scholarships and student recipients, providing increased visibility for all involved.

Tax Benefits – As a program of the Whatcom Community Foundation, a nonprofit organization designated as a 501(c)(3) by the IRS, contributions to BDFS are tax deductible.

Larger Applicant Pool – More students are encouraged to apply for scholarships through BDFS because they can complete one application and meet one deadline.

We Make it Easy for You – The streamlined BDFS program simplifies the logistics for donors, students and counselors. Your scholarship fund is designed based on your goals.

STUDENTS

Simplicity – Students complete one application.

Two Partner Programs

- > Collegiate Partners are among more than 500 colleges and universities nationwide that have pledged to keep student financial aid packages intact, rather than reducing them by the amount of the BDFS scholarship award.
- > Collegiate Matching Partners include more than 120 colleges and universities (including six in Washington state) that have agreed to match BDFS scholarship awards!

THE COMMUNITY

A single, coordinated plan for local scholarships creates excitement about helping students to continue their education. More people are encouraged to contribute, supporting more scholarships, and our community becomes even more focused on the benefits of education.

GIVING CHOICES WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT?

BDFS volunteers and Foundation staff work with donors to achieve their individual charitable giving goals. The BDFS program offers two types of scholarship funds. You may contribute to an existing scholarship fund, establish a new named scholarship, or both.

NON-ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS – Non-endowed funds provide the greatest flexibility.

> **Annual Scholarship** – Donors may name a scholarship with a minimum gift, which can be renewed annually (by December 31 to be included in the awards process for the coming year).

> **Term Scholarship Fund** – If you would like to establish a named fund that will support one or more scholarships, each year until the funds are expended, term funds are the best choice.

> **BDFS Scholarship Fund** – The BDFS Fund Advisory Committee established a fund to which anyone may contribute.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS – Endowments are designed to last in perpetuity. *(The amount available to award is determined annually by the Foundation's Board of Directors, in accordance with our endowment and spending policies. You may also choose to establish a non-endowed fund in order to supplement awards in years when the full amount is not available.)*

Regardless of your scholarship giving goals, we can create a giving solution that works for you. You, your family and friends may make contributions to scholarship funds at any time. In addition, you can support students who share your interests and priorities. Whether you want to encourage studies in a particular field, or to reward students involved in volunteer activities, the awards committee will screen students based on your criteria.

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WHEN AND HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE?

A CURRENT GIFT – Donors make a contribution or establish a fund at their convenience.

> **Memorial Gifts** are a meaningful way to celebrate the lives of loved ones.

A PLANNED GIFT – Bequests, Charitable Remainder and Charitable Lead Trusts and other planned giving vehicles allow donors to plan today for a legacy gift that will benefit students. A bequest in your will, naming the Foundation's BDFS program as a beneficiary, is another ideal way to create a fund. Estate taxes may be significantly reduced, and the fund will continue to work as a living symbol of your interests. Donors making a bequest to the Foundation become members of the Foundation's Madrona Society.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE?

Cash

Cash assets are the simplest and most convenient gift.

Securities

You pay no capital gains, and receive the maximum allowable tax deduction under the law, for the full market value of appreciated securities given to the Foundation.

Real estate

A gift of real estate held for more than one year by the owner can yield the same tax advantages as gifts of securities.

Transfer of assets of a private foundation

The expense and time of administering a private foundation can become an unwanted burden. Transferring the assets of a private foundation to a donor-advised fund at the Whatcom Community Foundation provides significant tax and administrative benefits.

Life insurance

If the protection of a life insurance policy is no longer needed, it may prove a practical, tax-deductible gift. Or you may retain ownership of a policy naming the Foundation as a beneficiary, resulting in an estate-tax reduction but no deduction for income tax purposes.

IRA or qualified retirement plans

You can name the Foundation as the beneficiary of an IRA or qualified retirement plan. Depending upon accumulations, retirement plan assets may be subject to double taxation if left to heirs.

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