



2026 APPLICATION

SHS Alumni Scholarship Fund Awards

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Website: - www.SHSAlumniFund.com

Email: SHSAlumniFund@gmail.com

Today's Date: _____

Name _____ Gender _____ GPA _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

Where do you plan on receiving your post-secondary education (select one):

4 Yr. University

2 Yr. Community College

Voc, Trade or Technical

Perry Institute

School Attending: _____

Accepted (check if accepted)

Academic or Area of Study: _____

Anticipated Career: _____

Which Scholarships are you applying for?

Directions: After reading about the Scholarships that are available on the last 2 pages of this application and the criteria for the successful recipients to have in order to be considered, please check which scholarships below you would like to be considered for.

Sunnyside High School Alumni Fund Endowment Scholarship – 4 at \$3,000 each

The Ralph Pistoese Memorial Scholarship – 2 Scholarships available at \$2,500 each

The Lupe Gamboa Endowed Scholarship – 1 Scholarship at \$2,000

The SHS Class of 1967 Memorial Scholarship – 1 Scholarship at \$3,000

Keith Brandsma Memorial Scholarship – 1 Scholarship at \$3,000

Tanasse Family Scholarship – 1 Scholarship at \$2,500

Smith Family Trust Scholarship - 1 Scholarship @ \$5,000 per year/\$20,000 Total.

Henry A. Stamschror Scholarship - 1 Scholarship @ \$3,000

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BELOW: Please list your responses within the boxes below.

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Please explain in the space provided what your future goals are and how your intended field of study will help you obtain them and most importantly, **why should you be chosen to receive** one of our scholarships? Smith Scholarship applicants, clearly state your financial need!

Email Completed Application by May 21, 2025 to: SHSAlumniFund@gmail.com

Sunnyside High School Alumni Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1149, Sunnyside, WA 98944

Scholarships Available

Sunnyside High School Alumni Fund Endowment Scholarship – 4 Scholarships available at \$3,000 each. \$12,000 Total

The scholarships will be awarded to SHS graduates seeking to further their post-secondary education goals at a 4-year university, a trade school, or a community college. The successful recipients will be selected based on being scholastically in good standing at SHS, actively participating in school activities and offerings, and involvement in the greater Sunnyside community. Applicants must articulate clear, future educational goals and outline their anticipated contributions to life. Read more about the SHS Alumni Fund Endowment [HERE](#). One of the Scholarships was made possible by the staff of the Sunnyside School District who volunteer to make monthly payroll contributions to the fund, called the Grizzly Nation Donation!

The Ralph Pistorese Memorial Scholarship – 2 Scholarships available at \$2,500 each. \$5,000 Total

The scholarship will be awarded to one boy and one girl scholar-athlete with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher, who is interested in pursuing a degree in the fields of health sciences, engineering, business, education or attend a trade school. The successful recipients must have earned a varsity letter in at least one sport offered at SHS. The family presents the award in honor of their father, Ralph Pistorese, who served as Superintendent of Schools at Sunnyside from 1970 to 1979. Read more about Mr. Pistorese and the Scholarship [HERE](#).

The Lupe Gamboa Endowed Scholarship – 1 Scholarship at \$ 2,000

This scholarship will be awarded to a student with a 2.5 GPA or higher who demonstrates a strong commitment to community involvement and a post-secondary interest in Social Justice and Human Rights. Lupe Gamboa was a 1964 graduate of SHS. He attended YVC and later the University of Washington. Lupe was the first Latino to be admitted to the University of Washington Law School and was active in securing immigrant labor rights in the Yakima Valley and Washington State. He is a recent inductee of the SHS Wall of Fame and has served on the Washington State Human Rights Commission since 2015. Read more about Lupe Gamboa [HERE](#).

The SHS Class of 1967 Memorial Scholarship – 1 Scholarship at \$2,500

The Sunnyside High School Graduating Class of 1967 is awarding a scholarship in honor of all former classmates who have passed away. The successful recipient must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and have been accepted into a 2-year or 4-year college or tech school. They must also be active in school sports and activities and have demonstrated involvement in the community. Read more about the SHS Class of 1967 [HERE](#) and [ALSO HERE](#) in the Sunnyside Sun.

Keith Brandsma Memorial Scholarship – 1 Scholarship at \$3,000

Keith Brandsma was a 1973 graduate of Sunnyside High School who passed away after a 2-year fight with cancer. Keith retired from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and worked at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Power Plant in Athens, Alabama, specializing in instrumental and nuclear controls. Keith graduated from The Perry Institute in 1975, and the selective recipient must also be attending The Perry Institute. Read more about [Mr. Brandsma](#) [HERE](#).

Tanasse Family Scholarship – 1 Scholarship at \$2,500

The Tanasse Family gives this scholarship in honor of their father and grandfather, Arthur “Bud” Tanasse. Bud graduated from Washington State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He established two businesses in Sunnyside: The Tanasse Paramount Equipment Company, which manufactured and serviced agricultural equipment, such as mint stills and hop dryers. In the 1960s, he invented a smokeless orchard heater, which gave rise to his other business, “Spot Heaters.” Spot Heaters were smokeless orchard heaters. He had several patents on his products. The recipient must plan on attending WSU and demonstrate an interest in engineering, farming, and/or agricultural technology, with a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Smith Family Trust Scholarship – 1 Scholarship at \$5,000 per year (\$2,500 per semester) and up to \$20,000 over 4 years.

With this scholarship, the Smith family will recognize the outstanding education and experiences their children received while attending Sunnyside School District. Bill and Janet Smith lived and raised their family in Sunnyside from 1981 to 2005. Mr. Smith served on the Sunnyside School Board from 1999 to 2005 and was a nurse anesthetist at Sunnyside Community Hospital. Their four children graduated from Sunnyside High School. They have set up a scholarship trust fund to help other Sunnyside High School graduates achieve their future post-secondary educational goals. The Smith Family look forward to giving back to a community that gave so much to their family and still means so much to them. This scholarship may be renewed up to four (4) years for a total of \$20,000. The applicant must be a student in good standing and have been admitted to a post-secondary educational institute with a future goal of majoring in health care or an educational field of study. The recipient must show financial need and agree to academic progress reports for semi-annual renewal.

Henry A. Stamschror Scholarship – 1 Scholarship at \$3,000 per year.

This scholarship recognizes Henry A. Stamschror, a longtime resident and business owner in Sunnyside, WA. In 1964, Henry and his wife Betty founded Mountain States Construction Company in Sunnyside which is now in its 62th year of operations and is still under ownership and management locally by the Stamschror Family. The recipient must be a student in good standing, have earned a 2.5 GPA and the scholarship is to be used as tuition/school expenses for a construction related trade school and/or tuition/school expenses for a construction management degree program at a 4 year university or trade school like Central Washington University or Washington State University.

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