

# Kidwiler-Dolan Memorial Scholarship

## LACEY SOUTH SOUND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

To: Administrators and Counselors of:

Timberline High School  
North Thurston High School  
River Ridge High School  
Envision Career Academy  
Summit Virtual Academy

From: Scholarship Committee

Lacey South Sound Chamber of Commerce  
Shelley Nicholson , Chair  
3925 8th Ave S, Suite C  
Lacey WA 98503

Date: February 13, 2026

Re: 2026-2027 Award of Kidwiler-Dolan Memorial Scholarship

The aforementioned scholarship is administered by the Lacey South Sound Chamber of Commerce for students planning to enter the private or free enterprise system (meaning, one in which private business owners operate competitively with minimal government interference) upon completing their post-secondary studies. (This is not a scholastic scholarship.)

The scholarship is named in honor of Ray Kidwiler and Gene Dolan. Ray Kidwiler was a founding member of the Lacey Chamber of Commerce and served two (2) years as President in 1963 and 1964. Ray was a great believer in education for young people and felt that any student deserving further education upon graduating from high school should be able to obtain it. After his death, Mrs. Ray Kidwiler established, through the Lacey Chamber of Commerce, the Ray Kidwiler Scholarship fund in 1972 in memory of her husband. The name was changed to honor Gene Dolan, also a founding member, who was Chair of the committee from its inception until he stepped down for health reasons in 2010. Last year, \$13,000 in scholarships and grants were awarded to five graduates of a high school within the North Thurston Public Schools. The scholarships are available for use by the recipients for formal study at an accredited college, university, technical, or vocation school during the 2026-2027 school year.

**To be considered for the award, each applicant must:**

1. Be a member of the 2026 graduating class of his or her high school.
2. Submit a high school official transcript, which must include grades from the first semester of the senior year.
3. Submit a one page essay, type written, double spaced. The essay will delineate applicants educational and career goals and how these goals relate to the private or free enterprise system. The essay will also give the applicant's view of why it is important to preserve the private enterprise system as part of our nation's economic structure.
4. Complete the attached application form which highlights
  - Post-high school education plan
  - What you have done or are doing to prepare for this financial commitment

Completed application documents are to be submitted on or before April 13, 2026 to the counselor of your respective high school. The application documents must be in the office of the scholarship committee representative, Shelley Nicholson at the Chamber office, 3925 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Suite C, Lacey, WA 98503 on or before April 16, 2026

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  1. Submit a one-page essay, type written, double-spaced on the following: your educational and career goals and how these goals relate to the private or free enterprise system and your view of why it is important to preserve the private or free enterprise system as part of our nation's economic system.
- Submit this completed application to your school counselor on or before April 13, 2026.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live with your parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_ If not, please list name, address and relationship of Guardian, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your intended program of study in post- secondary education?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality and Tourism                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture and Construction           | <input type="checkbox"/> Human Services                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts, A/V Technology and Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business, Management and Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education and Training                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing, Sales and Service                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government and Public Administration    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Science                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation, Distribution and Logistics       |

Do you plan to complete a degree program? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your choice of post-secondary institution? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the status of your application? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the expected first year costs for tuition? \_\_\_\_\_ Room & Board? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your choice of vocation? \_\_\_\_\_

G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

List below the activities in which you have participated during your high school career (Include both in school and out of school activities). Use additional pages, as necessary.

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If you have been employed, give your place of employment:

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Kind of work: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount earned: \_\_\_\_\_

How earnings were spent: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Combined income of parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Brother and Sisters: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_