

**Career Guidance Counselors Association**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**2010-2011**

**Amount of Award**

CGCA will award four \$500 scholarships to qualified graduating seniors. The scholarship shall be used for tuition and other direct school expenses at an accredited two-year community or technical college or four-year college or university for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Student Eligibility**

1. Graduating high school senior who has completed an **outstanding High School and Beyond Plan**.
2. Plans to attend a two-year community/technical college or a four-year college or university as a full-time student, beginning fall 2010.

**Application Process**

1. Complete Scholarship Title Page and include all required documentation.
2. Applications must be **postmarked** by April 21, 2010.
3. The CGCA Scholarship Selection Committee will review all applications.
4. Decisions of the Scholarship Selection Committee are final.

**Directions for Completing Scholarship Applications**

1. Prepare page entitled "CGCA Scholarship Title Page"
2. Prepare a **one page** Personal Statement (typed, single spaced). The personal statement should address:
  - a. Who you are and what is important to you
  - b. Identify any unique accomplishments and/or challenges you have faced.
  - c. Why should the scholarship review committee select you for this award?
3. Include a one-page typed/word processed summary of your High School and Beyond Plan. The Plan should address:
  - a. What are your plans and what have you done in high school to help prepare you for the next step in achieving your education and career goals.
  - b. Include the High School and Beyond Plan Checklist provided in this packet.
  - c. Provide additional information that will help the Selection Committee to understand how you see your future. Include information about which schools or colleges you have applied to and how you selected these schools.
  - d. What is your first-choice school, and how you plan to finance your education.
4. Provide an official copy of your high school transcript.
5. Include a current resume.
6. Attach one letter of recommendation, from a career specialist, counselor, teacher, community mentor, or a current or previous employer.
  - a. Your letters of recommendation should include how long and in what capacity the writer has known you and,
  - b. Why you deserve to receive this scholarship.
7. Include your name on all documentation.
8. Arrange material in order listed above, place in a large manila envelope, and mail it to:

CGCA Scholarship Selection Committee  
Sandra Gordon  
1674 Camillia Lane SW #28-301  
Tumwater WA 98512

**Criteria Used to Score Applications**

1. Personal Statement and Resume 25%
2. High School and Beyond Plan 50%
3. Letters of Recommendation 10%
4. Discretionary 15%

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**Career Guidance Counselors Association**  
**SCHOLARSHIP TITLE PAGE**  
**2010-2011**

Student Name:

Address:

City:

State: Zip:

Phone: ( )

Email:

Career Specialist or Counselor:

High School:

District:

Name of recommending Career Specialist, Teacher, or Counselor:

College or other postsecondary school you are planning on attending:

1st Choice:

Location:

2nd Choice:

Location:

**DIRECTIONS:**

Complete this form as the title page and attach each of the documents listed below, in order.

**CGCA Scholarship Packet Title Page**

**Personal Statement**

No more than one typed, single spaced page of information. Be complete in your response to the following question explaining why you are a good recipient for the CGCA Scholarship.

- o *Why should the scholarship review committee select you for this award? Identify any unique accomplishments and/or challenges you have faced.*

**High School Beyond Plan**

No more than one typed, single spaced page of information.

- o *What are your plans and what have you done in high school to help prepare you for the next step in achieving your education and career goals?*
- o *Include a copy of your High School and Beyond or Post High School Plan that is required by your school for graduation.*

**An Official Transcript**

**Current Resume**

**Letter of Recommendation**

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I certify that all information on this application and the attachments are true and accurate.

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Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND PLAN CHECKSHEET**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

**CAREER CLUSTER:** Which career cluster have you selected?

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

Career(s) of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAREER RESEARCH:** Steps you have taken to be able to pursue a career that interests you:

- Taken CTE courses or electives in cluster area (*details*):
  
- Conducted career interviews (list):
- Completed a job shadow:
- Obtained summer job or internship:

**CAREER PREPARATION:** Briefly describe how your high school coursework has prepared you for your choice of postsecondary program and/or career goal:

**POSTSECONDARY RESEARCH:** Your postsecondary plan based on the educational requirements for your top career choice (*check as many as apply*):

- No more education needed (explain why):
- Apprenticeship – Length, details:
- One-year credential – field of study:
  
- Two-year degree (AA or AS) – Major:
  
- Four-year degree (BA or BS) – Major:
  
- Postgraduate degree – Describe:

**POSTSECONDARY PLANNING:** List the Postsecondary institutions to which you have applied. (*list institution and the major you wish to pursue; list military here if you plan to enlist*):

**POSTSECONDARY PREPARATION:** Steps you have completed or plan to take:

- Postsecondary visits, workplace interviews or discussions with a recruiter
- PSAT (*for 4-year college*)
- SAT, SAT Subject Tests and/or ACT (*for 4-year college*)
- ASSET, ACCUPLACER and/or COMPASS (*for community or technical college*)
- ASVAB (*for military*)
- Completed applications for all institutions listed above

**FINANCIAL PREPARATION:** Steps you have taken or will take to prepare yourself for the future:

- Completed the FAFSA and/or CSS with family
  - Researched scholarship opportunities
  - Researched tuition and living expenses at postsecondary institutions listed above
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- Started a savings or checking account and/or obtained a debit card
- Researched insurance issues related to turning 18: health and auto