



## **SEF Local Scholarship Program Student Guidelines**

The Snohomish Education Foundation (SEF) is committed to providing fair and equitable scholarship opportunities to all students.

SEF encourages all students to present their true selves in their applications and to take pride in their authentic stories and achievements.

To maintain the integrity of the scholarship program and ensure that all applicants are evaluated fairly, we require all students to adhere to the following guidelines when submitting their scholarship applications:

**Authenticity of Submissions** -- All information provided in your scholarship application must be accurate, honest, and reflect your own experiences, achievements, and personal circumstances. Essays, personal statements, and any other written materials must be your original work. Plagiarism or submitting work written by others may result in disqualification.

**Areas of Study / Majors / Career Fields** -- Please note that it is OK to determine that you are "undecided" or that you have multiple career areas of interest on your application. While there are many scholarships that indicate a specific field of study, it is OK to also list the other areas you are considering as SEF and its donors recognize many students are still learning and figuring this out.

**Confidentiality and Privacy** -- SEF will handle all information submitted in your application with the utmost confidentiality and use it solely for the purpose of evaluating scholarship eligibility.

**Consequences of Dishonesty** -- Any form of dishonesty, misrepresentation, or fraud in your application may result in disqualification from the scholarship program.

**Commitment to Ethical Standards** -- By submitting your application, you agree to uphold the values of integrity, fairness, and honesty throughout the scholarship process. SEF reserves the right to verify any information provided.

**Responsibility for Application & Content** -- You are fully responsible for the content of your application. Carefully review your submission to ensure that all information is correct, complete, and truthful before submitting. Incomplete or incorrect materials in applications will not be reviewed/accepted (i.e. wrong document was uploaded for a required document).

**Support and Questions** -- If you have questions or need clarification regarding the scholarship guidelines or your application, please contact the SEF Scholarship Committee at [scholarships@snoed.org](mailto:scholarships@snoed.org) for assistance.

**By submitting your application, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to abide by SEF Scholarship Program guidelines.**