

Declan Reed Benenati Scholarship Fund Application

Application Submission Deadline: April 30, 2025

Scholarship Recipient Requirements:

1. Applicants must be a current high school senior at one of the following schools: Astoria, Warrenton, Seaside, Ilwaco, Knappa, Naselle, Jewell.
2. Applicants must attend an accredited or licensed post-high school educational or vocational institution or apprenticeship and be registered full time.
3. Applicants must fall under at least one of the following scenarios:
 - a. Have volunteer and service hours working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; OR
 - b. Plan on going into a field that provides services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (i.e. special education, speech and language pathology, occupational therapy, behavior professional, direct support professional, services coordinator or counselor, etc.) This list is not exhaustive, and we can look at each application individually; OR
 - c. Be a student with intellectual and developmental disabilities who wishes to attend an accredited or licensed post-high school educational or vocational institution or apprenticeship.

Submissions:

Please submit all of the following via email to declanrbfoundation@gmail.com.

1. This scholarship application
2. Essay question answers
3. Photo of applicant

Scholarship funds will be dispersed by Astoria High School Scholarships, Inc. (AHSSI) during the first two years after high school graduation. In order to receive funds, applicants must be enrolled full time, complete full-time credits at the end of the term, and send in schedules and transcripts each term to AHSSI.

Personal Information:

Applicant Name: _____

Birth Date of Applicant: ____/____/____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Applicant Email (not school) Address: _____

Applicant Cell Phone Number: (____) ____ - _____

Post-secondary information:

To what post-high school educational institution(s) have you applied? _____

By signing this application, I acknowledge that the information given and statements made in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to allow all board members of the Declan Reed Benenati Foundation and all the members of the AHSSI and other scholarship committees to read, review, and discuss the information provided in this application.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Essay Questions - Please answer all questions.

Answers can be typed, voice recorded, or video recorded.

1. In 500 words or less, describe your identity. Who are you? What is important to you?
2. Briefly describe, in about 200 words, someone who has inspired you.
3. Briefly describe, in about 200 words, what your future career or work plans are.
4. In 500 words or less, describe your experience working with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. **-OR-** In 500 words or less, explain why you want to work with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
5. In under 100 words, what does equity mean to you?