
THE COLUMBINE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

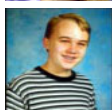
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2012 TEACHER/SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL APPLICATION PACKET

The Columbine Memorial Scholarship Fund was founded by the Rocky Mountain News and The Jefferson Foundation using contributions received from individuals, families, and businesses following the tragic events at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Twelve students and one teacher died that day. The contributions they would have made to the world were lost as well. It is hoped that the recipients of this scholarship will carry on the legacy of these individuals by making a positive and lasting impact in the world.



Cassie Bernall: Active in her church and bible study group, Cassie dreamed of one day attending Cambridge University and becoming an Obstetrician.



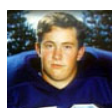
Steve Curnow: Known for his great smile and love of soccer and Star Wars, Steve hoped to become a Navy top gun pilot.



Corey DePooter: His passion was fishing, though he loved any activity outdoors. He was looking forward to serving in the Marine Corps.



Kelly Fleming: Shy and creative, Kelly was an avid reader and wrote many poems and short stories. She hoped to one day be a published author.



Matt Kechter: A good natured, straight “A” student and football player for the Columbine Rebels, Matt planned to attend the University of Colorado.



Daniel Mauser: Described as a “gentle soul,” Daniel excelled in science and math and was interested in law and current affairs.



Daniel Rohrbough: Known as generous and high-spirited, Danny held the cafeteria door open for others the day of the shooting. He loved electronics and computer games and was looking forward to driving.



Coach Dave Sanders: Coach Sanders was a computer and business teacher at Columbine for 25 years. He was also coach of the girls' basketball and softball teams. His students called him a teacher, a friend, a mentor and an inspiration.



Rachel Scott: Rachel was an aspiring writer and actress who was active in her church. She wanted to touch lives and not be an “average” teenager.



Isaiah Sholes: Isaiah was a popular student and athlete known for his generosity. He played the keyboard and wanted to be a comedian and a music producer.



John Tomlin: Friends called him respectful and kind. He loved Chevy trucks and country music and planned to join the Army after graduation.



Lauren Townsend: A friend to everyone and a lover of all animals, Lauren had plans to study Wildlife Biology



Kyle Velasquez: Kyle was known as a “gentle giant” who was a little boy at heart. He dreamed of joining the Navy, like his dad, or becoming a firefighter.

COLUMBINE MEMORIAL TEACHER/SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL 2012 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- a teacher or school professional currently working at a public high school in the Jefferson County School District; and
- be intending to continue to pursue a career in education or an education-related specialty; and
- be intending to register for coursework in the 2012-2013 academic year that will further his or her career in education; and
- accepted at an accredited college, university, or other accredited school in the United States.

Selection

The selection committee is looking to support a teacher or school professional who can demonstrate that they have the ability to make a lasting impact on the world. The selection committee will evaluate candidates based on their letters of recommendation; personal statement; extracurricular activities; academic and leadership achievements; financial need; and any outstanding circumstances. The most weight will be given to the applicant's personal statement, letters of recommendation, and financial need.

Application Process/Deadline

Applicants can complete the attached application by hand or download an application from The Denver Foundation's website (www.denverfoundation.org, select 'Grants/Scholarships') to complete in Adobe Acrobat and print. Please note that all information included in the application packet will be kept confidential.

Applications must be mailed in *one packet* and *postmarked* on or before **Monday, March 12, 2012**:
The Denver Foundation, c/o The Columbine Memorial Scholarship Fund, 55 Madison Street, 8th Floor
Denver, CO 80206.

Please note that this deadline is taken seriously. Applications that are incomplete or late will not be considered by the selection committee. Hand delivered applications will not be accepted after March 12th. *We do not accept applications via fax or email.* A letter will be sent out to all applicants regarding the selection committee's decision on or before April 26, 2012. All scholarship awards will be paid directly to a recipient's educational institution.

Awards

One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a Jefferson County high school teacher or school professional. Scholarship awards must be used for the 2012-2013 academic year (summer 2012-summer 2013) at an accredited post-secondary school in the United States for part-time or full-time study. Scholarship awards can be used toward tuition, fees, and/or required books and supplies, and other qualified educational expenses.

Please note that award disbursement is contingent upon the outside scholarship acceptance policies of a recipient's college or university.

Questions?

Contact Lisa Fasolo Frishman at The Denver Foundation at lfasolo@denverfoundation.org or 303.996.7328.



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2012 TEACHER/SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application Form

Be sure to provide all of the information requested on the application form. Reviewers read a large number of applications and must be able to quickly find the information they need to compare applicants. For this reason, do not write “see resume” in any of the blanks.

Letters of Recommendation

Submit two letters of recommendation – one from a colleague at your high school and one from a member of the community.

- The letter from a school colleague should describe your personality and specifically address characteristics of perseverance, dedication, responsibility, integrity, enthusiasm, humor and inquisitiveness.
- The letter from a member of the community should report on your participation in the community in terms of work, service, and whether you display attributes such as patience, kindness, generosity, compassion, sincerity, tolerance, and dedication.

Personal Statement

Describe how the coursework you plan to complete will enhance your professional and personal life.

Short Essays

Answer two of three questions listed below. As you craft your essays please consider the attributes the selection committee is looking for under the Selection section on page 2. Essays should be typed in 12 point font and double-spaced. Please keep your answers concise. Your responses to the two essay questions should not exceed two single-sided pages.

- Which of your extracurricular activities (including clubs, volunteer work, sports, church groups, etc.) is meaningful to you, and why?
- Describe how you have handled a difficult personal situation, and what you learned about yourself.
- What inspires you, and why?

Statement of Financial Need

Extra consideration will be given to candidates with limited financial means. In this Statement, please include an estimated list of expenses (tuition & fees, books, personal and travel expenses, etc.) and information that will help the committee evaluate your financial need.

Resume

Include a copy of your current resume.

Checklist of Required Materials

- Completed Application Form
- Two signed and dated Letters of Recommendation
- Personal Statement
- Two essays (typed in 12 font and double-spaced)
- Statement of Financial Need
- Current resume

*Do not use staples or binders other than paper clips.
All documents should be single-sided*

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2012 Teacher/School Professional Application Form

Please type or clearly print your answers to all of the following questions.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Title: *(Please check one)* Ms. Mrs. Mr. Other _____

Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

High School: _____ Dates employed: _____ through _____
(Must be a public high school in the Jefferson County School District)

EDUCATION INFORMATION

College, University, or accredited school you plan to attend: _____

Have you been accepted? Y N Date classes will begin: _____

Expected major, program focus, or brief description of coursework:

Current graduate G.P.A., as calculated by school registrar (if applicable): _____

Undergraduate school attended: _____ Final cumulative G.P.A.: _____

ACADEMIC, LEADERSHIP, AND VOLUNTEER ACHIEVEMENTS

List any volunteer and/or community service activities in which you have participated.

List any academic awards you have received or special leadership programs in which you have participated.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please list any activities in which you have been involved at your high school outside the classroom (coach, club advisor, etc.)

Activity	Dates (From - To)	Time Spent (Months, Hrs/Week)	Position or Role

SIGNATURE (REQUIRED):

I certify that all of the information included in this application is accurate and complete. I understand that if I am selected for an award, I may be asked to provide proof of the information stated on this form, including a copy of relevant tax forms. I understand that if this information is not provided, or if the information is different than presented in this application, that the award may be rescinded. If I am selected to receive an award, I agree that my name, award amount, and any information provided about future plans may be used in announcements or articles (ex. graduation, newspaper) issued by The Denver Foundation or the recipient's school. In addition, by signing this form, I hereby authorize the post-secondary school that I will be attending for the 2012-2013 academic year to release information about the financial aid awarded to me by the college/university and other sources to The Denver Foundation and the Columbine Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee.

Signature: _____

Date: _____