

Donna Marie Wilson Memorial Scholarship Application Information

Background:

Donna Marie (Stewart) Wilson and her husband, Mel, grew up in Trout Lake and attended school here. Although they moved away, they held a lifelong fondness for our community, and visited often.

As with most military families, the Wilson family dealt with numerous transfers and assignments that required Mel to be away from home for extended periods of time. This is common with military families. Life can be complicated, for the family at home, while the military member is away serving their country. In addition, numerous moves can mean frequent relocation of the family, with the related complications that can bring. The non-military spouse carries the load of family responsibility during these times and they are the key to successful family life.

Mel Wilson has long recognized the importance of spouses in the military, and both he and Donna placed high value on their family. Mel would like to award a scholarship to a Trout Lake Student who researches this topic, and prepares an essay about the importance of non-military spouses in military careers and families.

How to Apply:

Candidates for the Donna Marie Wilson scholarship must be graduating seniors from Trout Lake High School, or current college students who graduated from Trout Lake.

Candidates must prepare an essay on the subject "The importance of military spouses in military families". Essays must be submitted to

Trout Lake Community Foundation

P.O. Box 322

Trout Lake, WA 98650

or hand delivery to Coralee Warner's office at 2380 Highway 141, Trout Lake WA.

Essays must be received by the Trout Lake Community Foundation by May 1, 2010.

The Trout Lake Community Foundation Board of Directors will review submitted essays, and award the scholarship at the graduation ceremony, in spring 2010.

Essays will be evaluated based on:

- How well they address the subject
- Clarity, brevity, and readability; the winning essay will be submitted to military magazines, such as the American Legion Magazine, or the Trout Lake School Village Voice.
- Essays should be no longer than 750 words.

Since the winning essay will be submitted to military magazines, students are agreeing to allow such submissions.

Submissions to military magazines and other publications will be approved by the Board of the Trout Lake Community Foundation.

The scholarship award is \$1,000

If you have questions, contact Coralee Warner at 509-395-2218, Jim White at 509-395-2585, or the Trout Lake Community Foundation via email at troutlakefoundation@gorge.net