



## **TOM NEUMANN MEMORIAL SUMMER LEARNING FUND APPLICATION**

The Tom Neumann Memorial summer Learning Fund provides scholarships to Oak Park and River Forest High School juniors each year to participate in an intensive and extended (generally 3 or more week) development program of their choice during the summer between junior and senior year of high school.

The scholarship will fund:

The cost of the program itself, including tuition/program charges, transportation to and from the program and travel/health insurance (as needed). An additional stipend of \$250 per program week may be available to compensate each scholarship recipient for lost wages from summer jobs during their program. The intent of this stipend is to make the learning experience accessible to students who normally work during the summer to contribute to their families or to their own cost of education. A maximum amount of \$6,000 is available per student.

The summer development programs must be structured and sponsored by respected organizations, including but not limited to: the Experiment in International Living, American Field Service, American Friends Service Committee Work Camps, music or art summer camps, science or language summer programs, Outward Bound, National Outdoor Leadership School camping programs, etc. The scholarships will **not** fund individual adventures such as independent cross-country or European travel.

Participants will be selected by the committee advising the fund, with assistance from the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation, which manages the Fund.

Students applying for this scholarship must:

- Be a current OPRFHS junior student interested in furthering academic accomplishments and/or personal development by pursuing field studies. Trips or exchange programs during the summer between junior and senior year.
- Complete the attached application.
- Enclose printed information about the program that they desire to attend, published by the program's sponsor. (This information must include specifics on the program's goals and on the ways in which it accomplishes its goals. The students must also describe why they selected this program as their priority program.)
- Provide a transcript of their high school record to date. (Scholarship decisions will **not** be based on grades alone).
- Demonstrate financial need in the essay portion of the application. (The scholarship will not be awarded on the basis of financial need alone).
- Provide a recommendation from one teacher stating why the teacher believes this student would benefit from such a program.
- Interview with a selection committee, if selected for final candidacy on the basis of application.



4. Summarize the **total cost** of this project:

Program Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation to/from program \_\_\_\_\_

Other program-related costs \_\_\_\_\_

Stipend/lost wages compensation \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount requested \_\_\_\_\_

5. Explain your financial need.

6. Explain any other actions you have taken to obtain money for the activity – fund-raising, work, other scholarships, etc. Please include any supporting documents.

Enclose these application pages, with additional pages as needed, high school transcript, teacher recommendation, and information from sponsoring organization, to the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation at the address below:

Tom Neumann Memorial Summer Learning Fund  
c/o Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation  
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Oak Park, IL 60301

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