

# **DOROTHY SEVIER MATSON SCHOLARSHIP**

## **Scholarship Announcement & Application**

### **WHITMAN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

The money for this scholarship is given by Whitman County Genealogical Society in memory of Dorothy Sevier Matson (1920-2002). She was a lifetime resident of Pullman who graduated from Pullman High School. She attended beautician school, worked in Pullman and during World War II joined the WAVES, serving in Washington, D.C. Upon returning to Pullman, she worked at WSU until retirement. Dorothy had a thirst for knowledge about the past and the people of this area and was interested in all things relating to Whitman County genealogy and history, with an emphasis on Pullman.

#### **Eligibility:**

***Any of the following who will complete coursework in the 2024-2025 school year:***

- Current Pullman High School senior (including FlexEd participants)
- Former PHS students who have completed their GED
- Former PHS students who will have received a Washington State High School Diploma or Certificate

#### **Award Criteria:**

***The successful applicant must:***

- Satisfy the eligibility requirement.
- Have been accepted to further his/her education at a university, college, junior college, trade school, etc.
- Submit a 1-2 page strongly written essay highlighting the applicant's passion for family history and/or local history.

#### **Award Preference:**

Students who have done research on or performed any projects involving Whitman County genealogy and/or history will be given preference for this scholarship. This could be encompassed in a Senior Showcase, Eagle Scout Project, volunteer or service work related to local/regional restoration projects, historical documentation/research and/or museum involvements. These are listed as a few samples of potential preferences. ***Any projects or services that represent Dorothy Sevier Matson's historical passion will be given preferential consideration for this award.***

#### **Amount of Scholarship:**

**\$1000** — Non-recurring scholarship to be used for future education expenses. The scholarship award will be paid directly to the educational institution.

#### **Application Process:**

***Applicants must submit:***

- Application form (back of this sheet)
- A one to two page essay described on application
- A letter of acceptance to university, college, junior college or trade school, etc.

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**April 19th, 2025.** Turn in at the Pullman High School Counseling Center. Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.

*Review of applicants is done by the Whitman County Genealogical Society Board. The Scholarship will be presented at the annual PHS Academic Awards Night to culminate the year. The WCGS Board reserves the right to alter, amend, withdraw or terminate this scholarship offer at any time and reserves the right not to award this scholarship, all within the sole discretion of the WCGS Board.*

## **APPLICATION FORM**

### A. **Personal Information:**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. Email \_\_\_\_\_
4. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### B. **Essay** (At least one typed page, but no more than two pages) This scholarship is a gift from Whitman County Genealogical Society in memory of Dorothy Sevier Matson who wanted to keep alive the history of Pullman and the Palouse area. Please describe, in a **strongly written essay**, your passion for local history and/or your family history.

### C. **Senior Showcase** If you were required to submit a senior showcase, please describe it below in a few sentences.

### D. **Future Educational Goals:**

1. Name of institution of further education to which you are admitted and will enroll.

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2. Date of expected enrollment:

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### E. **Academic Record:**

1. Class of 20\_\_\_\_\_
2. Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_ (No minimum requirement)
3. Please list special awards and achievements you have received/accomplished. (Please attach additional sheet if needed)

### F. **Extracurricular Activities:**

Please list those activities or events in which you participated during your high school years, indicating the type of activity or event, the dates of your participation, and your role. Include memberships in any group or organization. Please also list activities/responsibilities outside of school, such as jobs (paid or volunteer), church, scouts, family, other. (Please attach additional sheet, if needed)