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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator
Date: May 29, 2013
Subject: 2013 Eileen Trentman Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Recommendation

City Council joins staff in recognizing City of Kirkland's outstanding youth volunteers.

Background

The Youth Services Team, formed in early 2000, was an interdepartmental team of City employees whose mission was to serve youth within the Kirkland community and the City of Kirkland. In an effort to support elements of this mission, the Team introduced a scholarship program in 2005 for teens who have served the City as volunteers.

Up until 2006, the scholarship had been known as the Teens Honored and Appreciated for Notable Kirkland Service (THANKS). In September of that year, the Youth Services Team decided to rename the scholarship after the City's former Volunteer Coordinator, Eileen Trentman. Eileen played an integral role in not only the creation and implementation of this scholarship program, but as a member of the Youth Services Team as well.

The Youth Services Team developed the following eligibility guidelines for possible candidates:

- Teens must have served the City in a volunteer capacity. This would include, but is not limited to, Kirkland Youth Council, Boards and Commissions, and Police Explorers.
- Teens must have graduated or be on track to graduate from High School the following June.
- Teens must be attending or have plans to attend college, university, or technical school after graduating from high school.
- Candidates must be high school senior through age 21.

Funding for the Scholarship Program was generated through voluntary employee contributions during the 2012 Giving Campaign. The Kirkland Fire Fighters Benevolent Association (KFFBA) has been gracious enough to hold the funds through their status as a 501.c.3. \$2,000 was raised through employee donations and a gift from the KFFBA.

Awards

On May 2, 2013, four City staff members of the along with a representative from the KFFBA reviewed the applications received. The following two candidates were selected for scholarships:

Kelsey Camilleri-Espinoza – (\$750 award) Juanita High School, Kirkland Youth Council

Kelsey joined the Youth Council as an 8th grader at Finn Hill Junior High. During her tenure, she has logged close to 200 hours for the City. In addition to her work on KYC, Kelsey has been active in sports (volleyball, softball, and basketball), held a part time job, and played the violin. Kelsey plans to attend Washington State University majoring in Psychology.

Amy Johnson – (\$1,250 award) Lake Washington High School, Park Board

Amy has been a member of the Kirkland Park Board for two years. Prior to her term on the board, Amy was a long-time volunteer for other park related programs such as Green Kirkland and KDOG. Outside of her volunteer work with the City, Amy is a highly talented soccer player, viola player, and is gifted academically. Amy plans on attending Claremont McKenna College in California as a Pre Med student.