

Duncan-Jenkins Scholarship Grants

The Duncan-Jenkins Trust Committee wishes to draw attention to the following. Each year the Committee distributes approximately \$70,000 in college scholarships -- most of it to graduating seniors at Hillsboro-Deering High School and first year college students. Application forms are available at the High School Guidance Office, at the SAU office, at the office of Upton and Hatfield, and on the High School's web site.

Each scholarship application is read and appraised by each of the six members of the Trust Committee, and each one is then discussed by the entire Committee before a decision is made.

When reading applications each Committee member rates each application in terms of four criteria: (1) *Scholarship* (including class rank, GPA, and SAT or Act scores, and difficulty of program or courses); (2) *Need* (including family income and circumstances, college costs, other grants); (3) *Work/Activities* (including participation in drama, music, sports, leadership roles, community service, and jobs held); (4) *Special* (including any unusual family or personal circumstance). Ratings are then compared, discussed, adjusted, and combined before a final decision on whether to make an award and on its size. During this joint review the quality of the application and the care evident in its preparation enter significantly into its evaluation. After awards have been made and announced, the Committee does not revisit its decisions.

The application deadline is May 1. Applications that are incomplete are not considered by the Trust Committee, and late applications are considered only under very special circumstances. A completed application will indicate where the student has been accepted -- not necessarily where he/she will attend. Awards are paid directly to the college the student attends. Two awards per student is the maximum available.

In the past the Committee has sometimes made awards of varying amounts to as many as 90% of the applicants. However, the policy of many-and-smaller versus fewer-and-larger is reviewed on an annual basis.

Two years ago the Trust Committee created a special *Sarah E. Jenkins Distinguished Scholar Award* to be granted to "the student(s) who best exemplifies the achievement and ideals that Sarah Jenkins wished to honor." This award carries a stipend of \$2000 in addition to whatever is granted in the regular Duncan-Jenkins scholarships awards. To qualify for this special award a graduating senior must be among the five seniors with the highest grade point average. Previous recipients of this distinguished award are Jonathan St. Cyr, Chantalle Pelletier, Christa Kalipolitis, and Katie Joy.

The Trust Committee, created by the will of Sarah E. Jenkins, consists of three permanent members: Douglas Hatfield of Hillsboro, and Grace Jager and Ronald Jager of Washington; also three ex official members who at present are: Superintendent Barbara Baker, H-D School Board Chairperson Babette Haley, and Washington School Board member John Corrigan.