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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Youth Philanthropy Program Seeks Curious and Motivated Youth

Bellingham, WA- May 18, 2018 The Community Foundation invites all Whatcom County high school students to apply for its youth giving program.

Know a keen teen? Applications for the Whatcom Community Foundation's youth giving program are now open. The Community Foundation invites high school students from around Whatcom County to take part in the Youth Philanthropy Program for the 2018/2019 school year.

This program is open to all and it helps young people develop personal and professional leadership skills while making a difference in our community.

"Being a part of this program has been a great opportunity for me to get involved in the community," said 2018 Youth Philanthropy Program member. "I realized that we have a voice and that us, the youth, we can do what we set our mind to. This program changed how I see what my impact on the world can and should be. I loved every minute."

Participants learn about local needs and work together to distribute grants related to the environment. Over the last three years, the youth philanthropists distributed \$40,000 in grant funding and supported 17 local organizations. [Click here for 2018 award list.](#)

Youth philanthropy is a great way to learn leadership and professional skills along with the importance of giving. Applications are being accepted now until **June 15, 2018**. Students apply online at whatcomcf.org or by clicking here: [Youth Philanthropy Program -Application.](#)

Fueled by the generosity of many local donors, the Whatcom Community Foundation has invested nearly \$41 million in Whatcom County since 1996. For more information about the Youth Philanthropy Program or other initiatives, please contact the **Whatcom Community Foundation at (360) 671-6463 or visit whatcomcf.org.**

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