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Homes for Good Foundation Awards Two Scholarships

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In 2013 Homes for Good Housing Agency established its nonprofit branch known as Homes for Good Foundation. The foundation focuses on growing education opportunities for low-income youth in Lane County. Homes for Good Foundation aims to provide stability and growth for students by offering a $1,000 scholarship annually for two years.

We have just awarded our 2019 scholarship recipients. Melia and Kilano are both freshman, Melia is going to start at Oregon State University in a couple of weeks and Kilano already started his program at Northwest Christian University. Both of them really look forward to the college experience.

Our application is open to Homes for Good residents pursuing a college degree of vocational program.

Homes for Good provides housing and services to over 3,000 households in Lane County each year, which include over 600 youth between the ages of 17-24 who are preparing for the next phase of their life. Our scholarship helps students off to the right start, with support for their goals of continuing education.

Funding for the scholarship comes from an array of sources, but primarily employee contributions. Homes for Good Foundation is the only organization in Lane County that provides scholarships specifically for low-income residents.

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Melia

One thing is interfering with my future goals: financial need. College is expensive and my family is unable to help me pay for my tuition. I've received scholarships, accepted the maximum amount of loans I was offered, and chose to do work study, but with all of those combined, I still have a net cost of $3,555. If I were to be selected as a scholarship winner, my net cost would drop to an affordable price. This would help me achieve my career goal of becoming a nurse practitioner.

Kilano

I believe this scholarship will help me reach my goals because it will provide me with the funds to help me work my way through my time at NCU and earn my degree in Interdisciplinary studies. Growing up I came from a single mother household where we struggled to stay on top of our financial situation. It will help me stay in school, while relieving some financial stress in our family, which will also help continue to take part in the cross country and track program which will keep me active and on the right path to being fit enough for both the FBI and Eugene Marathon.