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March 16, 2023

Re: **Howard Kelleher Memorial Scholarship**

Dear Student Counselor:

MERIT Resource Services is offering five $1000.00 scholarships to deserving essay winners within our agency’s service area Yakima, Benton-Franklin, and Kittitas Counties. This scholarship is in honor of Howard Kelleher’s service to MERIT Resource Services and his lifetime achievements in the field of substance use disorder treatment.

The applicant should be a graduating senior, from any accredited high school within the above-described area, who is planning to attend an accredited college, junior college, or trade school. The applicant must be pursuing any career of their choice.

The scholarship will be awarded based on a competitive composition that answers the following questions. **“How big of a problem is alcohol and drugs in your school?” How does the problem of drugs and alcohol affect your community, and what can be done about it?”**

The essay should be no more than 1,000 words and typed, double-spaced. Judging will be based on organization, originality, facts, and proposed solutions. In case of a tie, other factors, such as financial need, may be taken into consideration. Race, religion, sex, or national origin will not be considered.

Two members of the MERIT Resource Services Board, two staff members, and a school counselor will judge the essays.

Application and essay must be returned **by Friday April 14, 2023,** to MERIT Resource Services, Attn: Loretta Olivares, P.O. Box 997 (702 Franklin Avenue), Sunnyside, WA. 98944. More information is available by calling (509) 837-7700 or visiting our website: www.meritresources.org.

Sincerely,

John Brotherton, Board Chair

MERIT Resource Services

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