

# PARKER YOUTH & SPORTS FOUNDATION

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## JOE DONAHUE SCHOLARSHIP 2009 Information

Dear Guidance Counselor/Department Chairman/Athletic Director:

The Parker Youth & Sports Foundation has established a special scholarship in honor of Joe Donahue, a charter director of the Foundation, and a director and an officer of the original Parker Youth Foundation. The scholarship recognizes Joe's long service to youth sports in Yakima, and especially to Yakima Valley Community College sports programs.

**Description:** The scholarship is a combination tuition/work grant for a Yakima Valley Community College student planning for an academic degree and/or professional career in an area of health and physical education, athletics, or recreation leadership.

**Eligibility:** The scholarship is available to a high school graduate who plans to enroll at Yakima Valley Community College, and to all students currently enrolled at YVCC who plan on returning for another year. Exception: relatives or persons closely related to members of the selection committee, the Foundation directors or managers, or substantial contributors are disqualified from this, or any other, Foundation scholarship

**Amount:** The amount of the scholarship for each school year (three quarters) will be a total annual grant up to \$2400, divided equally each quarter. One-half is a direct tuition grant and one-half is designated for a work grant in the physical education and athletics department.

**Criteria:** The Donahue Scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who best meets the criteria listed below as judged by the scholarship committee. The Committee may request personal interviews with the finalists.

1. **High school graduate**, or equivalent, with demonstrated ability and motivation to achieve a college degree and desired career goals.
2. **Work/volunteer Experience:**
  - a. **Demonstrated interest and ability in the area of physical activities and sports** and the desire to pursue a career working in a directly related area. The career interest could be sports medicine/athletic trainer, sports information, athletic administration, recreation leadership, health and physical education, coaching or possibly others.
  - b. **Desire to work as a student intern** under the direction of a staff member in the physical education and athletics department, the work assignment to be consistent with the interests and abilities of the student and the needs of the department.
3. **Participation in extra-curricular activities** currently or during the high school years, especially in activities or employment related to their career interests and goals.
4. Desired but not required, **computer and website skills (other special skills)** and experience in these and other aspects of sports administration or management.

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**Application Deadline and Process:** Completion of an application by the specified cut-off date of May 15. The committee may extend the application period if it deems that action to be necessary or desirable.

**The application shall include:**

1. The Joe Donahue Scholarship **application form**.
2. An official high school or college **transcript**.
3. **Two letters of recommendation** from educators (i.e.. teacher, advisor, counselor, administrator) or an educator and an employer.
4. A **personal letter** of 500 words or less addressing the following:
  - a. Describe your career interests and the importance of this scholarship.
  - b. Explain any special computer skills and/or web design background you have.

The letter should be typed and double-spaced.

An athlete may apply for the scholarship but athletic ability or participation in athletics at YVCC is not part of the criteria, and is not required.