The Washington State University Foundation, in collaboration with the Karl Hobson family, have established the Karl Hobson Memorial Fund for the support of training opportunities for Cooperative Extension faculty, staff and volunteers. This fund is dedicated to the development of both volunteers and professional staff and awards are made to Cooperative Extension faculty, staff and volunteers who show promise for enhanced performance following the selected training. No portion of the funds may be used for support of, promotion of, or work associated with the beer and wine industry. Scholarships of up to $500 will be awarded each year, the number dependent on applications received and the amount of expendable income available.

Scholarships are to be based on:
1. Value of intended training to WSU Cooperative Extension.
2. Value of intended training to individuals in their specific assignment.

Eligibility

CE staff and volunteers must meet the following requirements to be eligible for scholarships:
- Have a major Cooperative Extension assignment in Washington State.
- Have completed at least one year of Extension work.
- Have developed and submitted a plan to the memorial fund selection committee formally requesting funds, including the amount requested, estimated cost and purpose of the training, and the professional/program development expected as a result of attending this training.

Selection Committee

A selection committee of three people for the identification of awardee(s) will be designated by the Associate Dean for Cooperative Extension. It should include previous awardees. The selection process will be initiated at a spring administrative team meeting.

Scholarship Award

The award will be made to the awardee(s) upon their enrollment in the selected training. The scholarship must be used within a twelve month period following the announcement.