

HIGHLINE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI FOUNDATION

DR. ALAN L. W. GUNSUL COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

\$4,000

This scholarship is awarded annually to the graduating student who best exemplifies Dr. Gunsul's life service. He believes contributing skills is more important than contributing dollars and demonstrated that belief through volunteering his time to his community and his profession.

Dr. Gunsul is part of the original group who, in 1956, decided to attend Puget Sound League football games as volunteer team physicians. The motivation was that no student should suffer a potential life-altering injury due to lack of medical expertise. This idea caught on and soon every high school had a local physician in attendance. Fifty years later this is still common practice.

Dr. Gunsul volunteered 28 seasons, from 1956-1983, at Highline High School. He missed only 15 games and always found a substitute. He was the last of the original group still attending games when he finally discontinued his volunteer service. His attendance added comfort to both parents and coaches.

Dr. Gunsul was on the original staff of Burien General Hospital (now Highline Medical Center) when it opened in 1958. He served in a variety of leadership positions until his retirement in 1999. He was instrumental in the formation of Riverton General Hospital in 1958, also serving in leadership positions (often at the same time as those in Burien General) for 26 years. He served on the Highline School District committee that studied and recommended the Health Education curriculum for K-12 and gave health lectures for many years at the schools his children attended.

Dr. Gunsul received the Exchange Club Book of Golden Deeds award in 1974 for his community service and a Highline School District Award in 1984. He commented at that time, "Football is a great game to prepare active young men for the greater game of life. But I do not want anyone so damaged as to affect their progress in the greater game."

Dr. Gunsul attended schools in Tukwila, graduating from Foster High School. His undergraduate studies were at Seattle University and he graduated from the University of Washington Medical School in 1955. He set up practice in Burien where his 5 children attended the schools-Sunnydale, Gregory Heights, Sylvester, and Highline. A brother and his sister also graduated from Highline. Dr. Gunsul still lives in the same house near Lake Burien that they moved into in 1958. His wife, Barbara, passed away in 2006.

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This is the third Dr. Alan L.W. Gunsul Scholarship presented by the Highline Alumni Foundation. The recipient is selected by the Gunsul family and announced at the June awards assembly.

Objective:

The scholarship is presented to the graduating senior whose service to the community, beyond that required by classes, merits special recognition.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Verified volunteer service to the community that demonstrates a commitment to improving the quality of others' lives through unpaid service. "Community" may be the local, national, or global community.
2. A grade point that is consistent with the student's ability. An unofficial transcript must accompany the application.
3. A positive citizenship record at Highline High School.
4. A short Essay entitled "Why Community Service is Important," typed or written neatly on unlined paper in ball point pen, should accompany the application.
5. The applications will be reviewed by faculty with the recommendations presented to the Gunsul family for final selection.
6. The recipient must designate a 2-year, 4-year, or technical college.

If you are selected for this scholarship, you must: (1) attend the Scholarship Reception, (2) write a thank you card (3) submit your Scholarship Financial Notice on or before your graduation date and (4) Participate in the College Signing Day Assembly. Failure to do these four things will disqualify you from receiving the Scholarship.

[DUE: Wednesday, April 17th @ 4:00PM in the College & Career Center](#)

DR. ALAN L. W. GUNSUL COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Years at Highline High School _____ GPA _____

Colleges Applied To: _____

School Activities: _____

Volunteer activities and employment outside of school: _____
