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# DON DAVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## ABOUT OUR MISSION

SAFE (Selah Alliance for Equality) is a grassroots nonprofit working to advance equity, inclusion, and community safety in Selah and the Yakima Valley. Born from protest, we carry that energy forward through advocacy, education, and action to build a stronger, more just community for everyone who calls it home.

We believe in the power of collective action, honest dialogue, and community care. Through advocacy, education, and direct support, we work to challenge systemic inequities and create a future where every person feels safe, valued and heard. Our work is rooted in love for our home and a commitment to making it better for everyone.

The SAFE Scholarship was created to invest in young people who share our commitment to building a more equitable community. We recognize that education is one pathway toward change, and we want to support students who will carry forward the work of challenging inequality, amplifying marginalized voices, and creating positive impact in our community.

Each year, SAFE awards two scholarships of \$7,500 to graduating seniors who reside in the Selah School District who demonstrate a need, a dedication to equity, justice, and community service. We're looking for students who are working to create the dream of a better future.

**Please submit applications by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026 to:**

**[info@selahallianceforequality.org](mailto:info@selahallianceforequality.org) (or) mail to: P.O. Box 1211, Selah WA, 98942**



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## CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name (First/Last)

Date of Birth

High School

Home Address (Street Address, City, State & Zip)

Email Address

Phone Number

What is your preferred method of communication?

Phone Call

Email

## QUESTIONNAIRE

What are your goals and how could the SAFE scholarship help you reach them?

What higher education schools are you applying to?

List your academic honors, awards, and/or memberships during high school.

List your participation in community activism.

What else would you like to tell us about yourself?



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## HOW TO APPLY

### About You

We want to know who you are beyond grades and test scores. Use your creativity to tell us your story by addressing the following:

- Who are you? Share what shapes your identity, values, and perspective.
- What do you want to study and why? Tell us about your educational goals and what drives them.
- What is your passion? What matters most to you, and how does it show up in your life?
- Why does equity matter to you? Are you a member of an under-represented, marginalized, or disenfranchised community? Are you a strong ally working alongside these communities? Help us understand your connection to this work.
- How are you involved in equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging? Share examples of how you've taken action in your school or community.
- How have you overcome adversity? Tell us about challenges you've faced and the resilience you've demonstrated.

### How to Submit

Express yourself in whatever format best tells your story:

- Written essay
- Song, spoken word, or poem
- Video
- Visual art (drawing, painting, photography, etc.)
- Any other creative medium
- A combination of formats

There's no single "right" way to apply—choose the medium that feels most authentic to you.

### Required Materials

Along with your creative submission, please include:

1. Proof of residence within the Selah School District (utility bill, vehicle registration, school enrollment documentation, government issued ID or driver's license, bank statement, etc).
  - a. Documents must show your name or your parent/guardian's name with a current Selah address.
2. High school transcript (current and up-to-date)
3. Letter of recommendation from an unrelated adult (teacher, coach, mentor, community leader, etc.) explaining why you deserve support from SAFE to continue your education
4. Community service documentation including dates, hours, and descriptions of activities where you've worked to better your community or help others

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_